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[The following should have formed part of the Milan letter printed in the issue of May 21, but was unavoidably crowded out.—ED.]

HE fourth of the interesting series of concerts planned for the benefit of the Italian hospital at Lugano took place recently at the Chateau de Trévano.

Among the artist guests at the time the Chateau contained the court pianist-composer Georg Liebling and his wife, a charming lady of winsome manner and captivating conversational ability; the brilliant prima donna, Adelina Silsa, and several other notabilities in the musical and literary world, besides some distinguished members of society and the nobility, all combining with the hostess and master of the castle to form a splendid, a truly aristocratic family of brain, name and fame.

The musical program presented on this occasion con-

| tained the following selections: |
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| Sonate en do pour piano et violon, op. 28 |
| Come per me sereno, de la Somnambule |
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Having written The Musical Courier in a previous letter (two or three weeks ago) about some of the many attractions and beauties of the Chateau de Trévano on the Lake of Lugano, with bits of historical matter, I shall in to-day's writing confine myself to the music, the artists and to some personalities.

The Liebling Sonata for piano and violin was given in part only, the middle movement aria being selected for performance, but it was so pleasingly written, so well played and liked that the critics in the audience persisted, after the concert program was over, in hearing the whole of the sonata and had their wish gratified when, later on, they again wanted to hear the sonata played. This sonata, which, by the way, is dedicated to the Shah of Persia, is romantic in content though classic in form. It is beautifully and musicianly written, and was played con amore.

In the Chopin Ballade and in the Liszt-Mozart "Don Juan" Fantasia Mr. Liebling demonstrated his musicianly conception. He is not a sentimentalist, but a most healthy musician-pianist. His encores were a Chopin pearl after the ballade, and the Schubert-Liszt "Hark, Hark, the Lark' Serenade, which came like a calm after the furious octave storming in the passages of "Don Juan."

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Signorina Adelina Silsa astonished and dazzled the audience with her beautiful trills and frills. She was all ease, grace and rosy prettiness at this concert. The voice of Signorina Silsa is not so big or strong as it is clear, pure and brilliant. Its nature is light, airy, high and lofty in its bird-like agility, its soft, flexible quality. The singer's voice is as pure as a silver bell, her tones as easily produced as a bird's; her trills, her gorgheggi, her picchiettati (embellishments, staccati) are as pure as only the best of schools and training could make them. As a general thing one does not look for a smooth legato or sostenuto style of singing in a high, light soprano who tosses re, mi, fa aloft as easily and simply as feather blowing, or trilling on her higher tone like a nightingale. Yet la Silsa has an

excellent cantabile in addition to her brilliant technic, and in this instance proving that with properly directed study the one will bring the other, i. e., that agility or brilliant technic does not necessarily kill beautiful and smooth production of tone, but rather helps to make it. The exquisite training of Adelina Silsa's voice goes to show, too, that the old school of Italian voice education is not extinct, nor is the art as practiced by the great singers of a century back a "lost art." The "Come per me sereno," from Bellini's "La Sonnambula," and the Proch "Variations" both served to display the brilliant, florid style rather than the smooth and even nature of la Silsa's voice and method, but there was enough in the melody of the one and the theme of the other to leave no doubt whatever in the listener's mind that Adelina Silsa's bel canto is remarkable.

This young artist has sung in some of the most élite and musical grand salons of Europe, where beautiful singing is understood and appreciated and where she has become a favorite. Some time in the near future Signorina Siles may also be heard in America.

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After the regular program the artist was prevailed upon to sing some more, when she delighted her hearers with a group of three American songs in English, accompanied at sight by Georg Liebling.

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The small orchestra of the Chateau consists in major part of solo players, the first violin, viola and violoncello being excellent Milan musicians. Signors Pelizzari and Koch played their respective parts in the Dubois "Meditation" with fine tone that was steady, full and round, with good bowing and in a broad, musicianly manner generally.

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About a score of years ago, when Georg Liebling and the writer were boys, we studied together under the same teachers at the Kullak Akademie der Tonkunst, in Berlin, until the death of the great piano pedagogue, Theodor Kullak, which occurred in March, 1881, if I remember rightly, after which we drifted apart.

After that I saw but little of young Liebling, and the last time we met, before this visit to Lugano, was in the summer of 1892 at Berlin.

Since then he has broadened and matured wonderfully in his style of playing the piano, and as a composer he must be ranked among the musicians who have something to say and know how to say it.

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Meeting Maestro Sebastiano Breda, the Milan singing teacher, to-day, and referring to the steady progress and success of his pupil, Adelina Silsa, he remarked that if he can send out into the world every year, or every other year, a finished singer like Elisa Marcomini, Lina Cassandro, Mary Dean Jarvis, Enrico Broggi-Muttini or an Adelina Silsa he will be happy and content to labor "per l'amor di Dio e dell' Arte"! Breda certainly is a conscientious teacher.

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After the concert at the Chateau de Trévano the audience lingered to hear an extraordinary little girl of nine years—really a little genius—recite poetry and dramatic scenes in French and in Italian. The child is the daughter of an artist mother (of whom she is the very image) and a literary father. Her name is Fede Paronelli. Little Fede's girlish innocence and fondness of play with the Lombard children the moment she had finished a canto from Dante's "Inferno" were remarkable. It is astounding what God-given talent the child possesses—her wonderful memory, her expression, her gestures! In punctuation, or phrasing, alone the little wonder appeared faulty, due solely to the child's want of proper bréathing knowledge, which caused her to break off and resume again at points not well chosen.

Little Fede is not unlike a combination of Sarah Bernhardt and Eleonora Duse "en miniature." Her parents will have a delicate and most sacred responsibility in guiding the child's future.

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At the Dal Verme Theatre the present impresa, or management, cannot be said to be taking the public very much into its confidence, judging from the manner in which operas at that house are advertised and not performed; the appearance of singers announced and never heard.

After the opera, "Andrea Chénier," with a fairly good cast of singers, including the Tenor Borgatti in the leading role, had been changed to one of inferior order, at least in the principal parts, the tone of the performances at once began to take a downward move.

With Borgatti's leave taking of the company the opera "Chopin"—in which he had created the part of the hero during the past winter at the Lirico Theatre—was quietly dropped from the list of operas promised and Massenet's "Manon" substituted instead.

Bizet's "Carmen" has been given, but with a cast deserving of little mention beyond the part of the protagonista, Signora Irma Monti-Baldini.

"Manon," with Lina Cavalieri in the leading role, is now on at the Dal Verme, and the audiences attracted visit the theatre, not to hear the opera "Manon," but to see Cavalieri at the commencement or the dawn of a new career for her. Lina Cavalieri until now has been a café chantant celebrity, whose scores of pretty pictures upon post cards, in poses graceful and attractive, exposing a body of statuesque but not soulful beauty, in becoming dress (or rather undress, if you prefer the more truthful designation), with off-at-the-shoulder and down-to-the-waist styles and fashions of cut, is a well-known show window figure or beauty and an adornment of many an album collector's fancy. In "Manon" this ex-café chanteuse presents a gorgeous, brilliant display of the dressmaker's art, wearing gowns of four feet or longer trains dragging after her.

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Signorina Cavalieri's voice is not at all a bad one, nor is it wanting in training for the part of Manon; but there is no color, no sentiment, no emotion or passion in her voice; no real, genuine, artistic appreciation or conception of the character, or rather of the music, belonging to the part. This new Manon has certainly made a good study of smiling prettily and bowing gracefully to the audience, especially to the upper house, to which she catered mostly. The claque carried everything before it, leading and con-

The claque carried everything before it, leading and controlling the extravagant, over-generous applause lavished upon these Cavalieri-Manon performances. The public attended, as remarked before, not so much to hear the opera as to see the new Manon—and they came away expressing their opinion of the performance in the much as well as little saying. Milanese phrase, "non c' è male."

The name of the tenor singing the part of the Cavaliere di Grieux was printed to read Potenza—but Impotenza would have come nearer the correct interpretation of the gentleman's singing.

The orchestra was noisy, but not musical; the chorus sure, though only passably good.

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At the Manzoni Theatre another impresa promised a short spring season of opera, but failed promptly with the first opera, "L'Elisir d'Amore," in which only the tenor knew how to sing. These opera seasons in Italy are as plentiful as vaudeville shows in America. They rise and fall more easily, or appear and vanish more naturally than do flies or mosquitos.

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Up to date the spring weather in Milan has not yet been sufficiently warm or permanently pleasant to make the Teatro d'Estate, the new summer theatre erected by Savini & Co., near the Sempione Arch (Arco della Pace), seem particularly attractive.

A French operetta or comic opera company are playing there, which, in complexion of character and ability, acting and singing, must be ranked higher than similar organizations of Italian type. Thus far they have produced "La Duchesse de Gérolstein" (Offenbach), "Le Petit Faust" (Hervé), "Un Lycée de jeunes filles" (Gregh), and "La Princesse de Trebizonde" (Offenbach) is promised prossimamente.

Tommaso Salvini, the great Italian tragic actor, who years ago retired from active stage life, is announced to appear here shortly in two plays at the Alessandro Man-

zoni Theatre.

The plays will be "La Morte Civile," a five-act drama, by Paolo Giacometti, and the tragedian's great impersonation of Saul, by Alfieri. Salvini is to be supported by a fine company, and the performances are to be for the benefit of charitable institutions.

The little Manzoni Theatre will certainly prove to be wholly inadequate to accommodate the great actor's many admirers.

Salvini, who resides in Florence, is now seventy-three years old, and has not played in Milan during the last ten years.

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Calling on the Marchesa di R— the other afternoon, I found a number of ladies there engaged in tea drinking and gossip. Somewhat later, however, the conversation took a more serious turn and touched on the subject of dress and its effects on breathing among singers.

Taking part in this interesting discussion were the hostess, the Marchesa di R—; Lady H—, the wife of Earl H—; Madame de V—, a French lady visiting here, and the Contessa L—, an American lady living in Italy.

As the conclusions arrived at may be of interest to other readers besides singers, I shall endeavor to give in condensed form some of the views expressed. The idea that tight waists were working special havoc with our health, that is, woman's health, just now, was considered mere idle talk. The contrary was shown to be the fact. There never was, perhaps, a moment in the history of fashion

when the waist was so little observed. Napoleon I. was said to have invented the French Empire style of dress to prevent the women in whom he took an interest from tight lacing, and the boleros or pouched fronts of the present day were claimed to be as conducive and favorable to ease in that direction as the Empire styles worn at night. If there be any need for compression of the natural figure at presis below the waist, where the tight fit that is liked is aided by the straight fronted corsets that are now univer-

The loose fit of the bodices above the waist-that is, around the breathing apparatus and the digestive organs is really extreme.

Reference was made also to the hygienic corsets now being introduced among artists and students of singing, which were highly approved by this interesting group of society ladies, who, nevertheless, are highly accomplished and serious minded women.

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At another of those delightful little concerts given at the Chateau de Trévano at Lugano-which, unfortunately, I could not attend-I am informed that Mrs. Eleonora de Cisperos had sung very well the songs allotted to her on the program.

These were the "Night Song" and "Alone," by Lombard, nd an aria, the Prologue, from "Ero and Leandro," by Mancinelli.

According to my informant, Mrs. de Cisneros' voice was in splendid condition on that day, and her singing was lly pleasing and delightful to listen to.

The instrumental numbers completing the program were selections from Schubert, d'Ambrosio, Goltermann, Dvorák and Lombard.

On the following day, Sunday, Signor Ermete Novelli, generally considered Italy's greatest actor of to-day, was heard in one of his famous monologues. Having heard a number of these monologues and most of the great actor's plays I can confidently say that his presence at the castle must have been thoroughly enjoyable. He always is in any and every part he assails.

The orchestral selections surrounding the monologue of were by Polleri, Fesca, Sandré, Tschaikowsky and the conductor.

A recent fire at Alessandria, Italy, burned the Teatro Politeamo Gra to the ground. Fortunately, no lives were

The concert given by twenty lady harpists at the Lirico Theatre a few nights ago was interesting to some extent, but proved monotonous before its close. Signora Isabella Rosati-Caserini, of Rome, the directress and instructor of the fair players, displayed much skill and musical interpretative ability in a transcription and the Barcarola by Marin Faliero. The concert consisted chiefly of operatic transcriptions and arrangements.

At the big Cremona concert given in the Teatro Concordia Ponchielli for the benefit of the Italian Workman's Emigration Fund Francesco Tamagno, the tenor; Ottorino Beltrami, baritone, and Signora Norma Romano, the American soprano (Mrs. Norma Jackson), together with a chorus of 200 voices and an orchestra of seventy players, took part, under the direction of Maestro Pietro Gaetani. There was also a military band upon the stage.

The press of Cremona, in speaking of this concert, praised the singing of Norma Romano highly. Some of the Milan theatrical journals wrote that Signora Norma Romano was a most sympathetic American, with a voice of extended range and of agreeable quality, singing with a

finish of execution and good taste that merited all the applause bestowed upon her efforts.

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Some fifteen years ago a middle aged Frenchman, who seems to have been a "lady killer" in his youth, but has long since settled down to sober married life and the carrying on of a prosperous chimney sweep business in quiet Passy, resided for some time at Milan and led a gay existence here. The old tender memories are very his mind; but while he has forgotten, the rivals whom he ousted remember. A Piedmontese, who has the vindictiveness of a Corsican, has just sought a savage revenge upon the Frenchman because the latter cut him out a decade and a half ago in the affections of a lady whom the sobered Lothario has entirely forgotten. The unfor tunate sweep now lies at the Passy hospital in danger of death from three fearful stiletto wounds inflicted by revengeful Piedmontese, and in the midst of his bodily pain the patient racks his brain in his endeavor to recollect who La Fiorentina was, who, according to his ag-gressor's account, jilted the latter in the old days at Milan

and took up with the once fascinating Frenchman.

The Piedmontese went up to the sweep in a wine shop and slapped him on the back, crying: "Don't you know and slapped him on the back, crying: your old friend of the wild Milan days?" The Frenchman had a vague recollection of the man's face. Eventually they left the shop together and walked along a deserted street. For a moment the Italian stopped, his companion walking unsuspectingly on. Suddenly he was felled by two treacherous stabs in the back. As he lay his aggressor bent over him and, hissing the words "Remember La Fiorentina!', wounded him a third time, in the stomach, and made off. When picked up by the police the injured man groaned out incoherently: "For heaven's injured man groaned out incoherently: sake, who was La Fiorentina?"

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An amusing anecdote is related of a comic episode which occurred when Alexander II., the present Russian Em-

peror's grandfather, visited France with the Grand Dukes. Charles Marchal, the painter, was staying with George Sand at Nahant, and the conversation having turned on the Russian language and literature, her son, Maurice Sand, set to work to explain various idiosyncrasies to him. 'Now,' he said, "just remember that the syllable 'wich' added to the father's name shows that the bearer is the eldest son of the family. Have you understood this?" 'Yes, Sandwich," was Marchal's cool reply, and as a general roar of laughter followed, the improvised lesson came to an abrupt termination. DELMA-HEIDE.

ARRIVED FROM ITALY.

A MONG the passengers arriving from Italy on the big, elegant, new steamer Umbria were the Signora Frida Ricci de Paz, the prima donna soprano; Ettore Patrizi, one of the editor owners of L'Italia, of San Francisco, and Delma-Heide (J. F. Delma von der Heide), the well remembered singing master of New York, and for several years Milan correspondent of THE MUSICAL COURIER. Mr. Delma-Heide has been called to America on important business matters, after transacting which he will again return to Europe.

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WITNESSED a remarkably good representation of "Fidelio" here under the direction of Professor "Fidelio" here under the direction of Professor Mannstaedt. There is a splendid opera house here, beauti-Mannstaedt. There is a splendid opera house here, beautifully decorated, and it was crowded. Frau Leffler Burckard took the part of Leonora, nad as actress and singer was excellent save for some characteristically German mannerisms in her method of singing. Herr Schwegler was a first rate Rocco, and all the other parts were far above mediocrity. Especially good was the part singing of the chorus and the quartet in the first act was almost unsurpassable. To me the hiding from view of the orchestra was almost painful. To see the conductor and the orchestra play such music as the "Leonora" Overture is surely a part of the enjoyment of the music. They did surely a part of the enjoyment of the music. They did not, as is usual, play the other overture in E between the

The performance of "Carmen," though fair, was less noteworthy than that of "Fidelio," and the public showed their bias by only half filling the house.

Orchestra, chorus and singers performed their respective parts well, but one felt they were not in their element and were not in sympathy with the essentially Spanish character of the opera. It was thoroughly German all through. Miss Brodmann as Carmen, and Herr Müller as the Toreador sung their parts excellently, but it was to me more like concert singing, lacking in emotion and the "deviltry" essential to the work.

The summer season commenced officially last week, when the band commenced its morning performances, from 7 to 8 a. m., in the gardens of the hot spring house. The people had to pretend they enjoyed it, but with a temperature of something between 40° and 50°, heavy clouds and intermittent showers of icy, cold rain, it was not very exhilarating to walk up and down, clad in furs and overcoats holding up umbrellas in one hand and glasses of the hot spring water in the other listening to the music, as to which I must not be too critical, for with almost frozen fingers I wondered how the men in the band could play

In the evening a performance of "Fra Diavolo" was given in the elegant opera house, which was filled to the last seat with an enthusiastic audience, who, however, evidently enjoyed the somewhat elephantine gag, of which far too much was introduced, more than the music of Auber. It need scarcely be said that the overture was splendidly played, to which I may add that all the choruses were well sung, giving evidence of careful rehearsals. The singers were not so satisfactory, though all are above mediocrity. They scarcely did justice to the lively spirit of the work, which I fear was dull on the whole.

I had the opportunity of witnessing a very good performance of "Mignon" at the opera here, and I scarcely know how to apportion the admiration that is due to the manage-ment in regard to their resources, which enable them in the space of a week to put on the stage four such imp works as "Fidelio," "Carmen," "Fra Diavolo" and " on," all without a hitch as to mise-en-scene, and thoroughly well rehearsed work by orchestra and chorus, not oughly well renearsed work by orchestra and chorus, not to speak of the ballet, which specially in "Mignon" was very good, indeed. The part of Mignon was taken by Fraulein Brodmann, who showed herself both as actress and singer to be an artist. The "Prayer" in the first act was splendidly sung, and she eclipsed herself in the romance "Kennst du das Land." She was many times deservedly recalled. All the other parts were very well filled, and a more all round satisfactory representation of Thomas' pretty opera could not be wished for. The house

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Eugene Luening, conductor of the Milwaukee (Wis.) Maemerchor, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his birth at the semi-weekly rehearsal of the society held Monday evening, May 26

The Mozart Club, of Madison, Wis., gave the third concert of the season at the Presbyterian Church, of Madi on May 20. Miss Helen Buckley, soprano, and Miss Winnifred Card, pianist, were the soloists. Mr. Bredin conducted.

A small deficit of but \$2.21 is announced as a result of the music festival at Watertown, N. Y., arranged by the Women's Musical Society of Waterford. If each member had contributed a few cents each, there would have been no need of proclaiming a deficit at all.

The Tuesday Musicale, of Rochester, N. Y., has an en-rolled membership of 169. The conductor, Heinrich Jacobsen, wants the list increased to 250. Rehearsals are held Monday evenings at the hall of the Rochester Y. M. C. A. Händel's "Messiah" is the work in preparation.

Evelyn Day, soprano; Herbert A. Coffin, ten John Sturgis Codman, baritone, and the Mendelssohn Quartet assisted the Portland (Me.) Festival Chorus at the last concert. The program was one of marked contrasts, for it included Mendelssohn s "Psalm" and selections from "Iolanthe," "Patience" and "Erminie." Dr. Lathem True accompanied.

At the annual meeting of the Woman's Musical Club, of nbus, Ohio, the old board of officers were re-elected: Mrs. George Spahr, president; Miss Olive Neil, vice-president; Mrs. J. A. Shawan, secretary, and Miss Emma Ebeling, treasurer. The executive committee includes Miss Kerr, Mrs. Shawan, Mrs. Marple, Miss Ebeling, Miss Speaks, Mrs. Timberman, Miss Theobald and Mrs. Peter

The Polyhymnia Club, of Saginaw, Mich., has elected the Folymma Club, of Sagnaw, Mich., has elected the following officers for the year: President, Mrs. G. L. Humphrey; vice-president, Mrs. G. F. Oppermann; recording secretary, Miss Harriette G. Ferris; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. Z. Smith; treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Pitcher; librarian, Miss Mary Van Brunt; accompanists, Mrs. H. B. Burdick and Mrs. H. C. Barnes; musical director, J. G. Cummings.

Mildenberg, Foote, Rogers, Hawley and Chapman were the American composers upon the program at the last recital of the Morristown (N. J.) Choral Club, given in the Sunday school room of the South Street Presbyterian Church, Morristown. Frank Eaton conducted, and the soloists were Mrs. Alfred Chester Coursen, Miss Esther Louise Searing, Harvey J. Genung and Paul F. Handel. Accompaniments were played by Mrs. Frank Marsh and Miss Mary E, Westerfield.

Lee K. Smith conducted the last concert of the Reading (Pa.) Musical Art Club at the Reading Auditorium There were a number of soloists, all local singers. The chorus of twenty-one voices is composed as follows: opranos, Mrs. W. S. S. Coleman, Miss Mattie E. Geiger, liss Florence E. Miller, Miss Lydia R. Painter, Mrs. Fred Schmucker, Miss Anna M. Shearer; altos, Miss Grace V. Fichthorn, Miss Bessie Kelley, Mrs. J. Clarence Kline, Miss Clara A. Yocum; tenors, John R. Bland, Allen C. Mellert, Horace M. Minker, Horace H. Walpole,

Daniel Yost; basses, Rev. R. A. Blackburn, John McC. Durham, Allen M. Hawman, Harrison Quereau, Fred Rees, William G. Rees.

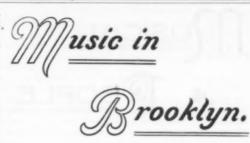
The Cañon City (Col.) Wednesday Musical Club ha elected these new officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Frank L. Smith, president; Mrs. George Prentiss, vicepresident; Miss Gail Conaway, recording secretary; Miss Beulah McRay, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. H. Maupin, treasurer. Mrs. Agnes Stewart was elected chair-man of the solo instrumental work, Miss Ball of concerted instrumental, Mrs. George Prentiss of vocal solos, and Miss Selleck of concerted vocal. Mrs. Stewart was elected delegate to the State Federation and Miss Selleck

The Euterpean Club and Oratorio Society, of Allentown Pa., gave their seventeenth co-operative concert at Lyric Theatre, of Allentown, on the evening of May 27. Scenes from Max Bruch's "Odysseus" and from Dvorák's "Stabat Mater" were presented. C. A. Marks conducted. The two clubs were assisted by the Philadelphia Orchestra and Mrs. Hissem DeMoss, soprano; Adelaide Griggs, contralto; E. C. Towne, tenor; Dr. Carl E. Dufft, bass; Edgar B. Kocher, organist. The program was a credit to both societies, Conductor Marks and the musical taste of Allentown.

"Messengers of Peace," from Wagner's "Rienzi," was the opening number at the last concert given by the Tuesday Musicale, of Canandaigua, N. Y. The Spinnin Chorus and Senta's Ballad, from "The Flying Dutchman, The Spinning were also given. Mrs. J. L. McLaughlin, one of the so-loists, sang "Sunset," by Buck. Ludwig Schenck played as a violin solo a Nocturne by Chopin. Lahee's cantata, "The Sleeping Beauty," was the final number of the program. Besides Mrs. McLaughlin solos were sung by Miss Alice Chase, Mrs. E. M. Morse, Mrs. J. C. Atwater, Miss Marian Gheen and Miss Fletcher.

Here are the names of the members of the Pic Grand Chorus, of Lockport, N. Y.: Sopranos, Adelia Young, Lillian Hoenig, Flora Nottleman, Mildred Turner, Edith M. Walker, Gertrude L. Warren, Edith M. Gailer, Jessamine M. Davis, Sherma Earl, Edith Dickson, Margaret Phillips, Amy A. Walker, Mrs. Mabel P. Smith, Mrs. J. C. Gardner, Mrs. D. M. Walker, Frances L. Barrett, Gertrude Kinzly, Danie Sherman, Neva Woods, Marian Higgins, Sadie Clifford, Mary Haley, Eliza Conley, Agnes Fisher; choir boys, Harold Frick, Leslie Coates, John Tong, Lisle Coates, Wesley Watson, Claude Hart, Albert Harrington, Wilbur Treat, Thomas Behan, Raymond Farnell, Raymond McGrath, Herbert Plant, Almont Dare; altos, Minnie C. Glover, Ella A. Sipson, Mrs. Fred Williams, Frances Campbell, Helen Rooney, Edith Davenport, Annabel Baker, Arlien Ferris, Minnie Brown, Mabel L. Strauss, Laura A. Harwood, Eva M. Morris; tenors, Henry V. Feeney, Elmer E. Smith, T. F. Utley, O. D. Shaft, E. George Lindstrom, Austin B. Morrill, Edwin J. Emert, James F. Mahaney, William H. Hammond, William F. Carpenter, H. A. Geoghegan, Ernest Bangeldorí, L. Frank Stark, William Anson, Eugene McCollum, Fred Drew, Frank Jenss, Harold Drew; basses, Herbert P. Glover, L. S. Swobe, W. H. Hauser, F. E. Cardullo, Robert Jackman, John McParlin, J. Charles Compton, A. H. Abell, John Proctor, Dr. E. F. Smith, F. B. Eilers, Ralph L. Darrison, H. S. Corred, F. W. Hart, Corres N. Sheeffer, Miles F. H. S. Conrad, F. W. Hart, George N. Shaeffer, Miles F. Vincent, J. T. Shaffer, Carl Drew, John Drew, George Compton, Leslie Harrington, Percy Drew.

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Two Minor Concerts.

THE concert given by the large choir of the Central Baptist Church attracted an overflowing and enthu-siastic audience to the church, corner of Marcy avenue and South Fifth street. Dr. Edward Morris Bowman conducted. The singing revealed the same good qualities which raised Dr. Bowman's other choirs at the Bap-tist Temple to take high rank in the choral societies of the borough. The Temple Orchestra and several soloists assisted in the program. One of the best numbers of the vening was the grand chorus from Wagner's "Tann-äuser," "Hail, Bright Abode." The singers who gave häuser. solos, duets and quartets were Miss Beatrice Andrews, Miss Edith C. Hubbs, Miss Fannie E. Williams and Miss Emilie Louise Cutler, and David Beswick, Samuel Beswick and Harry C. de Graff. Leroy W. Jackson performed an organ solo. The orchestral numbers included favorite pieces by Wagner, von Suppe, Nicolai, Delibes and Moszkowski.

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Miss Aimee Speir Horton assisted the Hoadley Musical Society at the concert given at the Germania Club house last Tuesday evening (June 3). Theodore John conducted. The orchestra played selections from the works of Gounod, Mendelssohn, Rossini, Blon, Saint-Saëns and Verdi. Miss Horton sang songs by Arditi, Saëns and Verdi. M Haydn and Flickede.

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Philadelphia will have the first performance of Arthur Claassen's Grand Festival Mass in D. The work will be sung at the cathedral in the City of Brotherly Love, under the direction of W. Leps. Mr. Claassen composed this mass about three years ago. Most likely he was too modest to urge its performance in Brooklyn, where he

Mr. Claassen has received from an unknown citizen of Scranton, Pa., a handsome watch charm as a token of appreciation of the recent visit and participation of the Brooklyn Arion and Mr. Claassen in the Welsh music festival held a fortnight ago in the coal mine region.

The Brooklyn Liederkranz have delegated Wenzel All-mann, an ex-president of the society, to attend the singing festival at Gratz this summer. Mr. Allmann, accompanied by Mrs. Allmann, sailed last Wednesday on the steamer Zeeland. Members of the Liederkranz and their wives and other friends were at the pier to see them off. night before sailing Mr. Allmann was presented with a pair of fine opera glasses. The Allmanns will remain abroad all sun

A report of the Reddall concert at the Pouch Mansion last Friday evening will be found on another page of this issue of THE MUSICAL COURIER.

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Mrs. Daniel E. Wing gave a musicale at her residence in Hackensack, N. J., on May 23.

Julius V. Seyler, of Detroit, Mich., will give a concert

during this month, assisted by one of his advanced pupils.

The pupils of Miss Mary F. McConaughy, of Carnegie, Pa., will give a recital to-morrow evening (June 12), assisted by David T. Moore, of Pittsburg.

Mrs. F. M. Hawley, contralto, and George Mattox, tenor, assisted the pupils of Mrs. F. M. Potter at the recital given in the school hall at Chautauqua, N. Y.

The orchestra of Cornell University, assisted by Miss

Nicholson, soprano, and Miss Fernow, pianist, and several of the more accomplished students of the university,

gave the sixth concert on Monday evening, May 26.

Mrs. Katherine Noack-Fiqué, a professional pupil of
Madame Evans von Klenner, sailed for Europe last
Wednesday (June 4), accompanied by her husband, Carl Figué, the pianist, teacher and choral conductor, of

A song recital by the pupils of G. S. Bush was given in the hall of the Y. M. C. A., Norfolk, Va., on May 28. Mrs. Pattee and Mr. Bush and Miss Emily La Blanc accompanied. The pupils were Miss Bailey, Mrs. Allen, Miss Pettit, Miss Mason, Miss Strasburger, Miss Lackey and Elliott.

At the annual concert at the Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Va., piano selections were played by Miss Best, Miss Hayes, Miss Bostwick, Miss Wysor. Miss Robertson, Miss Blackwell, Miss Peters, Miss Cole and Mr. Davis, one of the teachers. Vocal numbers were contributed by Miss Robins, Miss Peters, the college chorus and the Concordia Glee Club.

Arthur Graham, a member of the freshman class in the New York University and the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Graham, played Rubinstein's "Kammenoi Ostrow" and a Chopin waltz at a concert given in the Ostrow" and a Chopin waltz at a concert given in the chapel of the Bloomingdale Reformed Church last Tuesday evening (June 3). Mr. Graham revealed a charming touch and much taste in his playing. The other numbers upon the program were given by Miss Grace Spencer, soprano: Mrs. Louis B. Cornu, contralto; Otto Bauer, violinist, and Miss Mary Turner, reader,

A testimonial concert was given for Miss Tina M. Haines at the Evanston, Ill., Presbyterian church on May Miss Haines herself performed several organ solo The feature of the concert was the singing of Charles W. Clark, the baritone. Harrison Wild, a local organist and choral conductor, also assisted. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Edwin Lapham.

An attractive program was given at the annual con cert of the pupils of James Stephen Martin, Carnegie Hall, Pittsburg, Pa. The young musicians were assisted by Mrs. Barton Hanson, reader; Ludwig Schoenberger, violinist, and Charles Wencell, 'cellist. The piano accompaniments were played by Miss Katharine de N. Wilson, Miss Elizabeth C. McNally and Frank A. McCarrell.

Miss Lillie Maddox gave a piano recital at Hamilton College, Lexington, Ky., on May 23. She played Beethoven's Sonata, op. 10, No. 1; a group of Chopin pieces. Schumann's "Nachtstücke," and "Fruhlingsrauschen," by Sinding. Alternate numbers were given by Miss Goff, so prano, and Miss Weil, elocutionist. The orchestra o The orchestra of Hamilton College gave a concert on May 16.

May 29 an excellent concert was given by the school of asic of the State School for the Blind at Batavia, N. Y The program included these names: Gordon Hicks, Alma Parker, Ella M. McLennan, Marjory Spaulding, Michael Napoli, Mary Meleski, Jennie Wilkins, Ivie M. Mead. Forest Marsh, Alfred Comethier, Thompson Courtney, Christine M. Kieffer, Mary E. Penderleith, Leon L. Mar n and Samuel H. Fay.
Miss Marie Lewis, of Fort Gaines, Ga., and Miss May

Wise, of York, Ala., both students at the St. Cecilia Academy at Nashville, Tenn., gave a recital at the academy on May 22. Miss Lewis has a fine mezzo soprano voice, and she sang songs by Schubert, Lynes, Krause, Denza, Mascagni and d'Hardelot. Miss Wise, a talented played works by Mendelssohn, Schubert, Mac-Dowell, Godard, Chaminade and Liszt.

What was announced as "A Gounod Musicale" was given at Normal Hall, Oswego, N. Y., Friday evening, May 23. The entire program was devoted to the works of the French composer. A sketch of Gounod's life was read by Miss Garlick. Vocal and instrumental numbers were contributed by Miss Millott, Miss Brady, Miss Wandling, Miss Trout, Miss Croissant and Miss Orchard, and Messrs. Schilling, Sheldon, Petigrue and Rappleye.

The piano recital at the graduation exercises of Richmond (Va.) Female Seminary was given by Miss Gil-lespie, assisted by F. C. Hahr, who performed second piano parts, and Miss Mary Chalmers, who gave recitation. Miss Gillespie played Beethoven's who gave a French Beethoven's "Moonlight" Sonata, a Chopin Ballade, the Liszt Polonaise in E major and with Mr. Hahr at the second piano the Mendelssohn "Capriccio Brillante" and Weber's stücke '

The pupils of Max Leckner gave their closing recital at the Meridian Street M. E. Church, Indianapolis, Ind., the the Meridian Street M. E. Church, Indianapolis, Ind., the last week in May. Among those who played and sang were Miss Ida Vaughan, Carl O. Adams, Miss Bertha Nicolai, Julius Herrmann, Mrs. Walter Fugate, Miss Florence B. Fisher, Miss Florence Butler, Miss Irene Aldrich, Miss Amelia Hitzelberger, Miss Irma Kantrowitz, Andrew Smith, Clifford Tyler, Nicolas Hoffmann, Miss Miriam Allen, Miss Marie Flanner, Miss Nellie Hearsey and Arthur N. de Vore.

Miss Lilian Montrose-Grahame's piano recital in Den ver, Col., was a musical treat. Regarding the graceful young pianist, it is a pleasure to bear witness to her artistic abilities. Miss Montrose-Grahame has just recently returned from Leipsic, Germany, where she studied for nearly five years with the celebrated Martin Krause. In the Bach and Beethoven numbers she showed great delicacy of touch, plenty of technic, intelligent phrasing and an artistic conception quite above the ordinary standard. Chopin Variations were executed with grace and brilliancy. She has a full, rich, singing tone, which was demonstrated in the Rubinstein Barcarolle and "Auf Flügeln des Gesanges," by Mendelssohn-Liszt.

Claassen and Brooklyn Arion.

THE Arion Singing Society of Brooklyn and Arthur Claassen, the musical director of the society, were received with enthusiasm at the Eisteddfod held in Scranton, Pa., a fortnight ago. Appended are extracts from reports in the daily papers:

ports in the daily papers:

As the members of the society with their leader, Arthur Claassen, marched on the stage they were accorded a royal ovation. Their rendition of Munzinger'a "Fruhlingsreigen" was truly magnificent. The volume was immense, the blending perfect, the shading exquisite and the tone a demonstration in purity. A characteristic feature of the rendition was the unmarred aympathy between the various parts. The pianissimo movements were given with a brilliancy of finish which revealed the true artist.

An encore number was inevitable, and the society gave the lively "Brueckenzoll," which was followed by tumultuous applause.—Scranton Republican, May 31, 1902.

Another burst of applause accompanied the Arions as they marched on the stage. They were too strong and led by Arthur Claassen. They sang Munxinger's "Fruhlingsreigen" ("Spring Rain"), and in response to an enthusiastic encore sang the lively, difficult part song "Bruckenxoll" ("A Toll-gate Theme"). Their singing was certainly a delightful revelation of the beauties of two pretty German songs. In tone, phrasing, balance and spirit the chorus was especially superior. They sang to an au-

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dience of musicians, and the audience evidenced the greatest enjoy

dience of musicians, and the audience evidenced the greatest enjoyment from their singing. * * * The Arions entertained again, this time with Fassbaender's "Das deutsche Lied," the song which was sung in the contest at the National Saeugerfest for the Kaiser Wilhelm trophy. It is a grand song and was grandly rendered by a grand aggregation of singers. The big audience went into raptures over it. For an encore they sang one of Leader Claassen's compositions, a dainty lullaby, more than half of which is hummed. This provoked applause quite as hearty as that accorded the rendition of the first number.—Scranton Teiburg.

reporter from the Scranton Republican interviewed Mr. Claassen, and these were the opinions published in the

paper of May 31:

Dr. Arthur Claassen, director of the famous Arion Society, was asked by a Republican reporter for his impressions of the musical status of Scranton and the work of the Eisteddfod in general. Dr.

aasen said: "The Eisteddfod has been a pleasant surprise to me. This is the

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first Eisteddfod I have ever attended, and the excellence of singers has pleased me very much. The Liederkranz is an elent organization in capable hands, and deserves all possible port. The singing of the female societies was of the finest quand that of the Scanton Female Society was the best I heard. The conductress (Mrs. D. B. Thomas) had a rhythmusical beat and conducted intelligently, steadily and with a force."

Morris Piano School.

THE recital given by the "Daily Class" of the Morris Piano School, 20 West Eighty-first street, last Wednesday afternoon, was well worth attending.

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The advantages derived from daily practice under the supervision of teachers cannot be too strongly emphasized. With one exception the pupils who played at this recital were beginners who knew nothing about music when they entered the school and have now studied from three to seven months. The playing of these pupils was a revelation, and Mrs. Morris is to be congratulated. Agnes Mahan, Marie Overstreet and Ella Goldgeier played especially well. The others who played charmingly nie Hessler, Sarah Mannix, Fred Williams and Edward Williams.

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M ISS JENNY COREA, the soprano, and Frank van R. Bunn, tenor soloist of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, were married last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Bunn will continue to make New York city their home.

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Fund Hall last evening.

The audience assembled to assist at and enjoy the exercises was of such a large number that they completely filled the entire hall. After the rendition of a varied and attractive program, the performance of which reflected great credit and well illustrated the solid and excellent methods of instruction pursued by Director Combs and his talented faculty, Prof. Hugh A. Clarke addressed the graduates with a few appropriate remarks and made the presentation of diplomas and teachers' certificates. The musical program in full was as follows:

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THE most general, widespread and popular topic of discussion among the members of that class of Viennese which is interested in art, and even among those who attend an exposition out of pure curiosity and for the sake of being au fait, is: "Is the Secession a success or not?" and is Klinger's "Beethoven" as great as it is made

As one enters the Secession, a small, elegantly constructed house, and passes through the corridor, one ob-serves that everything is held strictly in the style after which the building is named, from the form of the chair to the form of the young lady who sells one a catalogue, whose color, a vivid yellow, reminds one that one has entered into the realm, the very heart, of the Secession.

The idea of the members of the Secession was to create a room to be decorated by painting and sculpture, all centering about one idea, that of showing Klinger's "Beethoven" to its best advantage. The most noticeable and interesting of the wall paintings, those of Gustave Klimb, form a series of scenes; first, the "Longing for Happilonging which is appeased by poetry. The arts lead us into an ideal realm in which alone are to be found pure joy, pure happiness, pure love—choir of the angels and theme of the Nint Götterfunke." Ninth Beethoven Symphony, "Freude schöner unke." The general point of interest, the "Beethoven," of which I send a reproduction, occupies the centre of the middle room, so that it is possible to view it on every side, and even to see it from an elevation, as the side rooms are slightly higher than the one in which he is placed. The most valuable help to the idea of Beethoven's face which we have is through the mask made by Franz Klein in 1812, in Beethoven's forty-second year.

But even this one, in spite of its authenticity, must n be overvalued, for the face, in consequence of the painful proceeding of pouring off, received a staring expression, to which is added a line of pain. Zumbush and Klinger have sunk themselves most completely into Beethoven's being, and both works stand equal in value next to each other. With Zumbush Beethoven is the thinking and reflecting master with emblems of music, while with Klinger Beethoven is the intellectual struggler, the hero in the arena of the mind who takes a throne and knows how to maintain it.

The nude Beethoven is a strange appearance to the music world, to which it has first to become accustomed.

MAX KLINGER'S "BEETHOVEN." Now on Exhibition at THE "VIENNA SECESSION."

Many find the position a strange one, others find too many colors to form a harmonious whole, while others dislike his expression, which they find too hard and too morose I, for my part, was greatly impressed by this work of art, and as I stood regarding that wonderful head it seemed to me as if the great soul of this musical Titan rose up and was borne on the pinions of the eagle which sits at the foot of the throne as if awaiting the thoughts

and creations of the master to soar with them on high. There was some talk of acquiring the statue for Vienna against bids for it in Leipsic. I hope for the sake of the Viennese that it will remain here, the place where he worked and stayed, and which is called upon to gather the best reproductions of the master which exist.

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At a sitting of the Conservatoire direction it was proposed by Director Perger to found a course for dramatic delicacy and grace of his art show to even better advantage

the artist stepped upon the platform he was greeted with applause, which continued for quite a few minutes. It seemed as if the public would not cease to show the appreciation in which they held their favorite, and it took a long while before calm was restored. Naval was finely disposed and sang songs of Pergolesi, Mozart, Strauss; arias from "Manon" and "Werther," with all the artistic style and conviction which made him so popular in the Opera. In fact I would say that the finer nuances, the



THE STATUE, SHOWING THE THRONE

composition. This proposition was provisionally accepted, on the concert platform than on the stage. Certain it is that the final decision depending upon the school committee. Should this body accept the conclusion of the directors and the course be decided upon, Richard Heuberger in view as the leader of the course and professor of the

A very interesting theatrical event will be brought out the novelties at the commencement of next seaso in the Theater an der Wien-Alfred Grünfeld, the excel-lent pianist, will make his début as dramatic composer. The artist is now working at a vaudeville, to which Alexander Landesberg and Ludwig Fischl have furnished th text. The principal role will be played by Girardi. The work will be produced in the fall months for the first time.

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After tedious negotiations with Johann Strauss' widow. Frau Adèle Strauss, and with the publishers concerned in the matter, it was possible for Director Steiner to obtain the permission to employ the music of the two Johann Strauss operettes, "Simplicius" and "Blinde Kuh," for a new work to which Victor Léon is writing the book Capellmeister Reiterer was asked to undertake the musical arrangement of this work. The operette, which is called "Grāfin Pépi," will be presented for the first novelty and for the first time middle of June, in the summer theatre Venedig in Wien.

Franz Naval bade adieu to the Opera and to all his Viennese admirers and friends in a farewell concert, which took place April 23 in the Grosser Musikvereinssaal. which was crowded to its utmost capacity by all those, and they are legion, who consider Naval not only as an ex-traordinary artist but also as a charming and sympathetic ws how to handle his voice to perfection, and this,



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combined with talent and temperament, makes him the personality. It was ery distinguished gathering, in superb artist he is. At the close of the concert, after the which the female element greatly preponderated, and when receipt of laurel wreaths, both natural and in silver and

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gold, the audience in a real delirium, a frenzy of applause waving of handkerchiefs, would not depart until the artist made his "little speech," simple but full of feeling, thanking them for their appreciation, and assuring all that he hoped it was not good-by but only au revoir that he was bidding Vienna and all his friends. A few days after he left for Warsaw, where he made several appearances, as also in Frankfort, and is now going to Berlin, where he commences a short series of performances at the The ater des Westens.

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That excellent pianist and musician Prof. Julius Epstein celebrated his seventieth birthday on May 12. celebrated, for in May seventy years ago Professor Epstein had not yet seen the light of day. As his birthday falls in August, when he, as well as friends and acquaintances, rest from the labors and worries of the winter in some quiet country place, it was decided to celebrate the memanniversary so many months in advance, in order that all might show the robust birthday child with what reverence and affection friends and pupils think of him. Epstein has had a memorable career, both as virtuoso and teacher, and, although no champion of modern music, he was always a zealous promoter and unenvious admirer of young talents. With Gänsbacher and Nottebohm he was among the first in Vienna who recognized the greatness of Johannes Brahms. He not only received the shy Northern guest with open arms, but also negotiated his acquaintance with Hellmesberger and constrained the undecided one to give his own concert, renting the Musikvereinssaal for him Out of the friendship scaled in 1862 a lifetime's intimacy was born. Epstein's taste led him to the musical classics, and to his wide knowledge of piano literature we owe the revival and rehabilitation of many a neglected or unknown musical treasure. Against the disfiguration and ill treatment to which the works of our classic masters subject as soon as some sensation desirous virtuoso wishes to make stupefying sensation with them, Epstein proved himself a guardian and protector of the tradition dating back to Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert and Men-From the Emperor he received the Ritterkreuz of the Franz Joseph order, while, at the head of a deputa von Weckhecker, Prof. Dr. Gänsbacher and Prof. Joseph Grim went to the house of the Jubilaeus to present him with an address and gift of honor. Speeches were held in which the great worth of Epstein as teacher and musician was expressed, while the address was signed by 250 musicians from all directions and climes. Professor Epstein, moreover, received an album containing original manuscripts from his friends and pupils. The album contains compositions of Goldmark, Brüll, Director Mahler, Baron Savenau. Several friends sent a cigar cassette, whose lid is an aquarelle representing Beethoven's home in Heiligenstadt. He received many congratulatory letters from well-known personalities, from Joachim, Karl Goldmark, Frau Gomperz-Bettelheim, Grünfeld, Leschetizky and many others. LILLIAN DOROTHY SAMUELS.

PRINCESS VICTORIA PLAYED FOR HEGNER.

NTON HEGNER, the Scandinavian 'cellist, was "sum A moned" to Buckingham Palace last Friday to play before Queen Alexandra and a company of ladies. The invitation to play before royalty came suddenly, and, as Hegner had not time to communicate with his acco he hastened to the palace alone. There he told of his pre dicament, and, to his delight, the Princess Victoria, accing to a cablegram from London, offered and finally hagen in 1861.



PARIS, MAY 19, 1902.

HEATRE du Château d'Eau.-Festival Lyrique First performance of "Die Götterdämmerung," lyric drama in three acts and prologue, words and music by Richard Wagner. French translation by Alfred Ernst.

The above announcement has occupied the musical public of Paris for a considerable time past. Of the four music dramas forming the "Nibelungen Ring," only the second and third, "Walküre" and "Siegfried," have as yet been given at the Paris Opéra. We are indebted to the Société des Grandes Auditions de France for the privilege of hearing the last of the series of the "Ring." It was, of course, a work of great magnitude to find a theatre and get together a company of singers and musicians for works of such importance as "Die Götterdämmerung' and "Tristan und Isolde." These two lyric dramas are to be performed for a month, a double set of singers being provided each work. The theatre selected was the Château d'Eau, This house has changed its name as often as its directors or the class of work performed there. It is situated at ne distance from the grand boulevards and principal theatres, and was at one time known as the Folies Dra-Afterward it was named Théâtre de la Répu blique and used for plays of a popular order. Last year, on again changing hands, it was christened the Opéra laire, and for about a month gave grand opera and opera ique at popular prices. The auditorium is spacious, but very important changes had to be effected in the stage and orchestra prior to attempting, with any hope of success, the Wagner music dramas. The theatre underwent ovation, so far as the front of the house was concerned. Girette, the architect, also constructed an orchestra which should be invisible, on the plan of that at Bayreuth. This orchestra has also some new features, newhat in the nature of the shutters used to swell and diminish the tone of organ pipes.

Certainly great and enthusiastic labor must have been necessary to produce in so reasonable a space of time and with such a fair amount of success this last part of the Tetralogy.

The vocal interpretation, without being all that dent Wagnerian would wish, had many merits. Felia Litvinne was the Brünnhilde, and the performance was that of a careful and experienced artist. Siegfried was sung by Dalmores. This young tenor was, up to a few years ago, a horn player in one of the Paris orchestras. Finding that he was possessed of a capital voice, it sud-

denly occurred to him that it might be just as pleasant and far more profitable if he were to sing on the operatic stage. He has had a certain amount of success, and created sev eral important roles in Rouen-where I believe he was the first to sing the principal tenor part in "Siegfried," the third part of the "Ring"-and in Brussels. Unfortunately, he forces the voice, particularly in the higher notes, his at tack of which is peculiar. The organ is naturally of good power and quality, and he sings like a musician

Henri Albers, an excellent baritone, made what is possible of Gunther, as did also Challet of Alberich. Vallier, the Hagen, has a fine voice and good diction. The Rhine ns were Mlles, Leclercq, Vicq and Deville. Olitzka was the Waltraute, with a somewhat hard voice and proounced accent. Alfred Cortot conducted an orch formed for the occasion. As the symphony concerts have finished, there was no difficulty in getting together this allimportant feature of a Wagner performance. Cortot is ell known as an admirable pianist, his playing of the Wagnerian scores on the piano being really remarkable. do not know if he has had any experience as conductor-Cortot is a young man-if not, he certainly made a very excellent début, and acquitted himself most creditably of his very formidable task. I believe he has been at Bayreuth as chorusmaster. The performance began at 7:30 and finished at 12:45. Now Parisians—that is, at least those who have employment—finish work about 7, which does not leave much time for dinner and the getting to a theatre so far away as is the Château d'Eau. It is use less to quote Bayreuth, because the conditions are entirely different. There one has nothing else to do but attend the performances. With the necessary activities of city life conditions are changed. Other features of the Bay-reuth performances are followed, the auditorium being quite in darkness and the doors kept rigorously closed after an act has begun.

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Claude Debussy, the composer of the new opera, "Pel-léas et Mélisande," now being performed at the Paris Opéra Comique, has given his opinions on the critics who have noticed his work, some of them rather severely. Among other things he says: "For nearly twelve years I have had Pelléas and Mélisande for my daily companions. I do not complain of the great and long labor. It has been to me a joy and content, which no blame can ever diminish. And besides, several critics have perfectly un-derstood me and divined what I intended.

"Catulle Mendes, after many eulogies of my work, thinks that I have not expressed the 'poetic essence of the drama. I have nevertheless made every effort in all sin-cerity to identify one with the other. I have tried, above all, to express the character, the life of the personages in the drama. I made, as it were, these characters sing within me. I listened, and then strove to interpret then faithfully

"Gauthier-Villars reproaches me that in my score the melodic phrase is always found in the orchestra, never in the voice. I wished, intended in fact, that the action should never be arrested; that it should be continuous, uninterrupted. I wanted to dispense with parasitic musical phrases. Melody is, if I may say so, almsot anti-lyric, and owerless to express the constant change of em-Melody is suitable only for the song (chanson) which confirms a fixed sentiment. I have ever been willing that my music should hinder, through technical exigencies, the changes of sentiment and passion felt by my characters. It is effaced as soon as it is necessary that these should have perfect liberty in their gestures their cries, in their joy as in their sorrow. One of my critics-De Foureaud, of the Gaulois-has well under stood this, perhaps unintentionally, in speaking of the 'declamation to notes, hardly even accompanied.'

"D'Harcourt evokes the musical trinity of melody, harny and rhythm, of which one must not infringe the

play the piano accompaniments, while the Queen herself turned the music for her daughter. The 'cellist was warmly congratulated by Her Majesty. Hegner, by the way, is compatriot of Alexandra, he having been born in Copen-

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Very well. But does there exist any law by which a an must mix these elements in any one proportion rather than in another?

'My mode of procedure, which consists above all in not following those of other composers, certainly owes nothing to Wagner. With him every character has, as it were, his 'prospectus,' his photograph, his 'leitmotif,' and which always precedes him. I avow that I find this meth little vulgar. In the same way, the symphonic develop-ment that Wagner has brought into the lyric drama seems to me to be contrary to the moral conflict in which the personages are engaged, to the emotional action which alone should count.

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The engagement of Sigrid Arnoldson at the Opéra Comique has been attended with signal success. She engaged for a few performances of "Mignon" only, after her brilliant performances of Juliette to Jean de Reszké's Roméo at Monte Carlo. Arnoldson's singing of Mignon awakened so much interest in the Parisian public that she was engaged for another week. Curiosity being still un-abated, she was induced to remain another week. I think the explanation of Sigrid Arnoldson's success is easily explained by the fact-to which I have before reverted-that the standard of vocalism at the Opéra Comique is at present very low. The members are actors who sing, not sing ers who act. Madame Arnoldson, while possessed of the natural and acquired gifts which make her a delightful actress, still is first and foremost a singer, and served a long and arduous apprenticeship to acquire the art. King ar, of Sweden, who is at present in Paris, attended a formance of "Mignon," with his staff, and between the performance of "Mignon, acts complimented his gifted countrywoman on her well deserved success. He also bestowed on her the Swedish order "Pro letteris et artibus" in diamonds, a high distinction, which is also shared by the famous Christine Nilsson and Adelina Patti. Madame Arnoldson returns to Russia next winter for her sixth season of opera at the Imperial Theatre of St. Petersburg.

Program for the week: Monday, "Le Domino Noir" (matinee); "Louise" (evening); Tuesday, "Pelléas et Mélisande'; Wednesday, "Carmen"; Thursday, "Mignon"; Friday, "Le Roi d'Ya"; Saturday, "Lakmé."

Opéra: "Orsola," lyric drama in three acts, book by

Ghensi, music by P. and L. Hillemacher.

I have delayed this letter as long as possible, so that I might give some details of the new opera produced last night. The "poem, 'as it is somewhat ambitiously called, is by Ghensi, who collaborated with Sardou for the book of "Les Barbares," Saint-Saëns' last work. The Messrs. Hillemacher, composers of the music to "Orsola," are two brothers who work in collaboration. Not like the brothers Ricci, who wrote the comic opera popular half a century ago, "Crispino e la Comare," for it is said that the mode practiced by these composers was to divide the libretto equally, each taking an alternate number. "Orsola" shows that whatever manner the brothers Hillemacher use-and this is their secret-the result shows, as it were, but one hand, one mind.

The plot can be very briefly related. Orsola is a Greek courtesan and mistress of an old duke, a senator of Venice and tyrant of the Cyclades. She is in love with the young Silvio, whom she has caused to be banished. Silvio himself loves Thisbé, the young wife of the tyrant, and who neglects her for Orsola. Thisbé and Silvio are ob served in the apartments of the former by the jealous ola, who induces Scopas to kill the old duke and lay the blame on Silvio, who cannot free himself from the ac cusation without betraying the fact of his presence in the Orsola, however, haunted by the phantom of the nurdered duke, reveals the truth and Silvio is saved. music belongs to the most advanced school. Every vestige of a musical "phrase" is avoided as far as the vocal score is concerned as if it were a pestilence. Singular to say those great elements of effect in grand opera, chorus and ballet are entirely absent, neither one nor the other being utilized. Frankly I do not think the work is destined to have a very long career. I will go into details at greater length next week.

Program for the week: Monday and Saturday, "Lohen-grin"; Wednesday, "Orsola"; Thursday, "Faust."

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The engagement of the excellent bass singer Delmas, has been renewed at the Opéra; Mlle Bréval has also signed

"ORSOLA" AT THE PARIS OPERA.

ISPECIAL TO THE MUSICAL COURIER.

PARIS. MAY 24, 1902.

THERE are two brothers in France named Paul and Lucien Hillemacher. The Rosnys, the Marguerittes and the de Goncourts are forgotten; they only collabo rated in literature, which is quite a commonplace thing compared to collaborating in the composition of an opera I believe that the annals of music only give forth other such instance—the Ricci brothers, who, in brought out an opera written for Venice, entitled "Cris-pino e la Comare," which is classed as one of the best Italian comic operas in existence. The elder Ricci died on December 31, 1859, in a madhouse. The two Hille nacher brothers are both "Prix de Rome" men, the elder in 1876, the younger, Lucien, in 1880. But though twentytwo years have elapsed since the latter date, no works of the musical Siamese twins have been put on in Paris. However, one of the laws of the Institute of France (musical section) is that every two years the Opéra must ount a work composed by a winner of the Prix de Rome. So at last, a few months ago, the brothers received the welcome notice that a work of theirs would be played next. They applied to P. B. Ghensi, the author of the libretto "Les Barbares," who happened to have in his portfolio the manuscript of a play, of which the scene is laid, curiously enough, in Venice, like the Ricci combination s work. M. Ghensi had intended his piece to be represented as a drama, but unselfishly abandoned the idea and gave up "Orsola" for musical adornment. I see that one critic finds this difference between the Hillemachers and Wagner: That the Hillemacher brothers care nothing for effect; that they are strict followers of the text, whereas Wagner cared all about effect and nothing else. Then he goes on to ask whether "Orsola" is destined to live on the operatic sign-boards. He says it certainly deserves to, but he does not think it will. I am entirely of his opinion, especially as regards the last phrase. The book is stronger and more replete with dramatic situations than that of "Les Barbares," and the action is quicker; but the music is vague, and in twenty-five bars out of every twenty-four exquisitely cacophonic.

The action takes place in one of the Cyclades, fief of Venice, ruled over by the Doge, who rejoices in the nom de plume of "Despot." In our days he would most deservedly rejoice in the "plumes et goudron" (tar and feathers). The island is overrun by the Saracens, and, as usual in such operas, the curtain rises on the people in an awful funk. Of course they are designated as the frightened populace. I do not wonder; I was a fright-ened populace myself when the first of the cacophonies (no relation to the last of the Mohicans) struck my ear. Duke, another name for the Despot, hears the cries and comes out on the balcony to address the women and children. He is preceded by a captain with a baritone voice, who cries "Silen-ce" on the D sharp-F sharp; then "Monseigneur le Duc," all on the C sharp, to the accompaniment of the Despot theme, which first makes appearance in F sharp. After the captain has finished the Duke orders a few heads to be sliced off and served for lunch, just to keep up his reputation as a Despot.

Of course, the people run about, overcome with terror, while the orchestra, as cool as a cucumber, plays fugitive nusic. By fugitive music I mean violins playing ctaves, three descending chromatic intervals, of wh the last is staccato. Can anyone tell me if people learned to run on hearing these three notes, or whether the three notes are suggestive of people running, supposedly. The Duke is begged by the beautiful young Duchess Thisbé; Orsola, the Despot's despot; Scopas, a friend of the latter lady, and the Bishop of the Cyclades, all without consulting each other, to recall Captain Silvio, banished from islands, as the only possible means of saving them n the Saracens. The Duke refuses, but Silvio returns from the Saracens. mexpectedly and drops in one evening to see his beloved Duchess in her own apartments. The Duke, accompanied by Orsola and Scopas, sees the couple of lovers, and, furious, determines to slay them both. But his mistress and her accomplice decide that a much finer revenge on Silvio, whom they both detest, would be to murder the Despot themselves and then accuse Silvio of the crime. Now, it appears that there was a tradition among the inhabitants of the Cyclades to the effect that wounds of a murdered man opened and bled again in the resence of the murderer, and that the latter's hand trembled so as to make him drop the palm branch dipped in holy water which he was carrying. As Silvio is about to march past the corpse of the Duke, lying in state, Orsola, who has arranged it all with Scopas, cries "Thisbé, name of the Duke's widow. The palm branch falls from

the warrior's hand and the crowd murmurs. We all know how operatic crowds murmur-something like an getting ready to bray. I cannot vouch for the fact of the wounds bleeding, for I was far away among the gods at 3 francs a god, and my eyes are not as good as they used Scopas orders the arrest of Silvio, but Toretti, a Venetian officer, displays such anger at the idea that the guards desist. Silvio could of course prove an alibi by telling how he and Thisbe had been working out a prob lem in mathematics the evening that the Duke met death, but, being a gentleman, he prefers to die rather than do so. Rather decent of him, don't you think so? Thisbé, seeing the probable fate of her beloved (this word must have been invented for the benefit of operatic criticism writers), is going to denounce herself as the mur-deress, but Silvio makes it impossible by getting there before her, so to speak. Thisbé resolves to save her over and Orsola resolves she shan't. Orsola dare face the body of her victim alone in the chapel and the curtain falls on her flight, crying, "The Duke is pursuing me! The bloody Duke!" which is far more dramatic than Of course, it sounds better in French.

The third act begins with a symphonic prelude in G major, although the tonic does not appear in its unaltered form until the fifth bar, and then immediately disappears In the midst of it the curtain rises and Silvio is seen thinking. I mean he is seen on a papier maché stone thinking. Suddenly Thisbé appears and falls into his arms, and tells him that the bishop refuses them absolution, and there is nothing to do b ut consult Santos-Du mont, and prepare for aerial flight. Silvio says no thanks; he prefers to die a natural death, which in those days meant the axe, to playing the part of a human meteorite, and falling to the ground in a lump with clumsy sort of cigar shaped thing on top of him. Thisb says that the Bishop has consigned them to hell, by slove Thisbe freight presumably. Then Silvio sing that an evening with her, to put it politely, was worth an eternity. He says all this on the high A's and B's. The Bishop drops in for afternoon tea, and seeing that they have repented and are ready to begin again, forgives them, and makes them man and wife. Silvio is led before the judges in Scopas' pay, but by wonderful means he is saved. Orsola deno Scopas of the crime and is stabbed to the fifth whalebone by her lover for her pains. But Scopas is led off to exeon, as Thisbé and Silvio kneel beside the dying Ors and receive the priest's benediction. As for the music, the portions I like the most or rather dislike the least are Gondola" song in F sharp minor, sung by Thisbé Acté) in the first act; the love song of Silvio and Thisbé also in the first act, and the symphonic prelude of 114 bars to the second act, and the madness of Orsola (Heglon) In the third act the Bishop's (Delmas) unaccompanied prayer, "Divine Master of the Soul," is full of dignity and for once is straightforward music. The opera has done In two years we shall have another Prix de Rome man's name on the bills. The score is worth read-ARTHUR BLES

TORONTO'S PAVILION DESTROYED BY FIRE.

THE Pavilion, in this city's Horticultural Gardens, was completely destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock on the morning of June 6. This building had been the scene of many brilliant concerts in which foreign and local talent participated. It was erected twenty-four years ago, and was the property of the city of Toronto. The loss is estimated at \$44,500, and the insurance amounts to \$22,250. On the evening previous to the fire the Pavilion was the scene of a notable banquet given by the Toronto Board of Trade Speakers at the banquet included Mr. Tarte, Minister of Public Works; Mr. Mulock, Postmaster-General of Canada, and Mr. Ross, Premier of Ontario. The floor of the house was well filled and many ladies were in the gallery Thus had the fire occurred a few hours earlier the loss of life might have been very great. The Highlanders' Band played at this last event in the Pavilion, which was magnificently decorated for the occasion. Over the platform hung a dove in recognition of the recent proclamation of peace in South Africa. As yet no announcement as to another building has been made. The site is an ideal one for an art museum. How the fire originated is not known.

DUSS CONCERTS

THE second week of the Duss concerts at the St. Nicholas proved to be a great success. Large audiences crowded the garden nightly. Mr. Duss is steadily gaining in popular favor. The Duss Band has made a hit. Manager Johnston is now introducing vocal numbers. Signor Alberti sings this week. For a delightful summer evening the Duss concerts are just the thing.

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BOSTON, Mass., June 7, 1902.

M ISS ZELLA COLE, pupil of Carl Baerman, has just Munich with her teacher this winter preparing a very difficult program. Her manager was most enthusiastic over her work; said that he had never seen so successful a début. The newspapers in Munich spoke of her as fol-

The American pianist Zella Cole gave a "Klavier Abend" in the Museum Hall yesterday which was worthy of the large audience. One who is able to play such works as composed the program with so much clearness and such true taste has surely a mind fitted to cope with the highest tasks of piano playing. She succeeded best with two Toccatas by Rheinberger and Bach. Exceptionally good was her execution of Chopin's Nocturne, op. 62, No. 2. The recital, in short, afforded much pleasure, and in case Miss Cole returns to us she may surely count on meeting a sympathetic and responsive public.—Allgemeine Zeitung.

The abundant applause which the renditions of this sympathetic artist received was entirely warranted. The young lady has evi-dently studied diligently and with success. Her technic is worthy of remark.—Münchener Neueste Nachrichten.

Miss Cole is also the possessor of a very pretty soprano voice, carefully developed and trained by Arthur J. Hub-bard for several years, and she occupied a good church position when she left this country last fall.

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Mme. Franklin Salisbury will close her studio in the city about the middle of the month and go to the Ben Mere on Lake Sunapee, N. H., for the summer, taking two pupils with her. One of these pupils is a teacher in a seminary at Burlington, Vt.; the other, Miss Katherine Hutchinson, will be starred in opera next season, and is now closing her season at Wallack's, New York. Mme. Salisbury has been urged to have a summer school, but is unwilling to give up her vacation.

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H. Carleton Slack, who has had a remarkably busy season, has turned his attention to farming for the summer and is now living on a farm not far distant from the city. He has already planted the seeds for a couple of tennis courts and expects to raise a fine crop, possibly packing some down for winter use. Automobile plants are also being set out, and the farm promises much in the way of pleasure during the hot weather. Mr. Slack will resume his former occupation of vocal teacher some time in September.

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Mrs. Aagot Lunde-Wright sails for Norway on the steamer Oscar II., leaving New York June 25. Mrs. Wright will be accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Sigrid Lunde-Souther, who has charge of the music department in a large conservatory in Kentucky. Dr. Wright will spend his vacation in Norway, the party returning early in September.

Carl Sobeski has taken a suite at the Hotel Oxford, and will have a handsome studio next season. Mr. Sobeski's plans for the summer are yet undecided-either a concert trip through the West or a trip to Europe lasting three

Alvah G. Salmon sails for Europe sometime this month, and will spend the summer at Moscow, Russia. es es

Felix Fox goes abroad in June, spending two or three e e

"The Flight of the Eagle" was given in Philadelphia Miss Cottlow has just given remarkably successful per-last week, and Homer Norris, of Boston, went on to superintend the performance of his Whitman music. The will now enjoy a well earned rest.

work was sung by Mrs. Corinne Anthony, soprano; Harry Gurney, tenor, and George Anthony, baritone bass. Dr Hugh A. Clarke, of the University of Pennsylvania, introduced Mr. Norris. The work was received with great favor by a large audience, which included all the prominent sicians of Philadelphia, as well as prominent literary and society folk. The critics all agreed in pronouncing "The Flight" an unusually interesting and effective work,

and as beautiful as it was strikingly original.

Mr. Norris was greatly pleased with the singers who performed his work, and the successful hearing led to a week's engagements in the South early in the fall. The work is beautiful as well as unusual, and is bound to be heard more and more.

Order of exercises commencement week of the New England Conservatory of Music: Wednesday, June 11, outing of class of 1902; Thursday and Friday, June 12 13, graduating exercises of the college of oratory; Sunday, June 15, baccalaureate sermon by Rev. George L. Perin, D. D., in Every Day Church, Shawmut avenue; Wednesday, June 18, commencement exercises in Tremont Temple, alumni reunion and banquet.

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Dr. H. J. Stewart left for San Francisco on Wednesday, where he will have charge of the music in a leading church.

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Frank Morse will direct the Bay View (Mich.) Summ Conservatory from July 14 to August 16. John Manning, pianist, of Boston, and Leon Marx (violinist), of Thomas Orchestra, Chicago, will be associated with him.

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The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blackmore. Jr., will hear with pleasure of the graduation of Dr. Blackmore during the week. Dr. Blackmore has been a student at the Boston University School of Medicine, holding high rank in his class, and his future career as a physician expected to be a brilliant one.

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A recital by pupils of Hans Schneider assisted by Miss Margaret Fay, violinist, was given in the studio of the Copley Square School of Music, Pierce Building, May 26.

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| Ballade in A flat | Reinecke |
| Miss Mabel A. Aldrich. | |
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| Miss Emma Maynard. | |
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| Miss Margaret Fay. | |
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| Miss Kate Low. | |
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| Miss Emma Maynard. | |
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The Faelten Pianoforte School has leased the handsome estate. No. 19 Westminster avenue. Roxbury, and will oc cupy the premises as a students' home for young womer who come from a distance. The property contains about 26,000 square feet of land and a large mansion house, practically sound proof and capable of accommodating twenty-five students. The home will be opened July I. in time for the summer session.

A song recital was given by some of the pupils of Madame DeBerg-Lofgren, assisted by Arthur F. Stock-bridge, violinist, at Huntington Chambers Hall, May 27. bridge, violinist, at Huntington Chambers Hall, May a Accompanists, Miss M. B. Willis, Miss A. M. Connell.

AUGUSTA COTTLOW'S VACATION.—Miss Augusta Cottlow, who has been one of the busiest pianists during the past season, will spend her vacation among the New Hampshire hills at Marlboro, reuperating for her next winter's work, which promises to be even more than the past seaso

European Motes.

According to the London Athenaeum, Bach's manuscript of the fifteenth Prelude and Fugue-second part of been brought to

"Wohl-temperitten Klavier"-has light. It is declared authentic by experts.

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The Vossische Zeitung prints a merciless account of the Paris "Pelleas and Melisande" performance. The correspondent passes merrily over the subject of Maeterlinck, but charges mightly and with snorts the music of Debussy. Debussy is an admirer of Mallarmé and Rodin: "Now Mallarmé discovered that true poetry consists in thinking but not expressing beautiful thoughts, and Rodin believes that true sculpture exists in imagining but not carving the work; so Debussy has learned that true music exists only when every musical tone is avoided. His music knows neither rhythm nor harmony. The actors simply speak their lines and the orchestra makes an accompanying noise, which is like that made by the tuning of instru-ments—only it lasts three hours. The composer is trying to force his ideal on a public which applauded, hissed and howled." [See Paris letter in this issue.—En.]

A tablet to Wagner has been placed on the house No. 72 Hadikgasse, Vienna. It is surmounted by a bust of Wagner, and the tablet proper bears the inscription: "In this house, 1863-1864, Richard Wagner worked at his sunniest composition, 'Die Meistersinger' during the saddest term of his life. Erected by his true friends, 1902."

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Weingartner conducted Elgar's "Cockaigne" in Frankfort, and the critical correspondent of the Musikalisches Wochenblatt sums it up with "Tant de bruit pour une omelette."

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For the next musical season in Frankfort Weingartner urposes conducting all nine of Beethoven symphonies. The local daily press has printed its appreciation in advance.

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Hanover has resurrected Wagner's "Götterdämmerung" and placed it in its opera repertory. The work had not been produced there for twelve years.

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The plots for Wagner's music dramas still furnish ma-terials for writers. In the Allegemeine Musik Zeitung Dr. Wolfgang Golther is running a series of articles, which he has endowed with the lengthy title: "Die sagenschichtlichen Grundlagen der Ringdichtung Richard Wagners."

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Breitkopf & Härtel have issued text books to "Tristan" and "Lohengrin," edited by Dr. Golther. The text in these is identical with the one used in performance. This is scarcely in accord with Wagner's wishes. When he was approached by one of the firm of Schott Söhne to consent to this identical scheme of uniformity he replied that he wished his poems to be printed independently as such and not with the small changes which their setting to music made necessary. After all, it seems a very small matter.

A Novel Precedent.

MLLE. SARKISOVA, a Russian opera singer, was traveling some time ago on the Transcaucasian Railway, when the train ran off the line and five of her were knocked out.

Mlle Sarkisova brought an action against the railway ompany, claiming that as the loss of five front teeth prevented her from singing she was entitled to heavy damages. The Civil Court in St. Petersburg has just awarded her \$50,000 compensation.—Paris Herald.

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The Seventy-ninth Netherrhenish Music Festival.

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OR those who believe in the luckiness of odd numbers the very odd seventy-ninth Nether-rhenish Music Festival proved a decided setback to their hopes. It was by all odds the coldest musical festival I ever attended, and this not only from the weather

viewpoint. The latter probably had some dampening influence upon the mood and probably also upon the size of the audiences.

It was first believed by the committee that the simul-taneously held Industrial Exhibition would draw extra crowds also to the music festival, but this proved an error in calculo, as a counter attraction is always liable to do. Something with this lack of attendance the programs may also have had to do, for they were somewhat heavy, and, as regards the two choral works of the first days, they had been heard in Dusseldorf before. The variegated program of the third, or so-called soloists', day, however, had, as usual, drawn a much larger audience than its predecessors but here the true festival enthusiasm could not sprout out in its wonted intensity, simply because the choice of soloists proved a rather unfortunate one. Despite several individual efforts at raising the temperature and quickening the pulse of the audience, genuine and spontaneous applause was bestowed only upon the two festival conductors, the one the Dusseldorf musikdirector, Prof. Julius Buths, and the other the composer-conductor, Richard Strauss, both prime favorites of the art loving public of this city

Nobody could object to the selection of Bach's B minor performance on the first day of the festival, for a work that is so titanic that its contents seem inexhaustible—nay, almost incomprehensible—deserves, as model of Gothic in music, the place of honor. Its greatness, which consists in the main in polyphonic workmanship of the most stupendous order, cannot be brought to hearing except by the masses of vocal and orchestral forces as are combined at a music festival. Vocally I have heard a perhaps even more overpowering performance of the B minor Mass at Berlin under Professor Ochs' direction, whose Philharmonic Chorus, while in point of numbers and ma-terial is not inferior to the Dusseldorf Festival chorus, in vocal training, as far as dynamic shadings and rhythmic pregnancy are concerned, surpassed the latter. Instrumentally, however, the Dusseldorf performance was the more brilliant of the two, and so effective were the efforts of some of the solo instruments and the powerful orchestral ensemble, that I cannot understand why the compiler of the program book should have come to the conclu he who wants to appreciate Bach must dis pense with all demands upon extraneous sound effects of sensuous kind." Quite on the contrary, Bach was an instrumental composer of the highest rank, and a century or more ahead of his contemporaries in this as any other The most wonderful weaving of voices, for that respect. his polyphony, fell so easy and was so natural to him that it did and could not prevent him from not losing sight

also of the instrumental coloring of his works. We find in them sound effects of the most charming colorings, and he made use of them in no miserly fashion.

Do we not return even to-day to the use of the oboe de caccia prescribed by Bach, as also of the A minor third lower oboe d'amore, which in sound is not so tart as the alt oboe, nor yet as nasally sharp as our modern oboe. What charmingly suave and sweet sound effects does not Bach produce with this latter instrument in the "Qui sedes" of the "Gloria," in the "Et in spiritum" of the "Credo," as well as in other arioso movements. Even the trumpets in rich coloratura and in the highest position do not sound badly to a modern musical ear, if the fanfares are per-formed as brilliantly as was done by the first trumpeter who officiated at Dusseldorf. Numerous and sometimes of indescribably beautiful effect are the refined mixtures of flute, violin, organ and other instruments. Bach was a born orchestrator, who in this capacity, as in all others, surpassed Händel, as he would have surpassed all the Berliozs, Wagners and Richard Strausses of our day, if he had lived in our day.

Of the performance as a whole, as far as chorus and orchestra are concerned I spoke above, and only need to add that Professor Buths' warm love for Bach and his careful of the B minor Mass shone out of many fine n sical details; notably did this become apparent in the treatment of the continuo, which he in conjunction with the celebrated Cologne organist had worked out for this performance of the B minor Mass. They followed the principle to accompany with the organ those arias and duets in which one or two obligato instruments have solo work of a melodic nature, while the continuo is intrusted to the piano (cembalo) wherever the accompaniment is given to the full orchestra. This modus of proceeding they justify through the historic tradition that Bach, who, by the way, never heard a performance of his B minor Mass as a whole, also made use of the cembalo. Perhaps he did so because he could not do otherwise. At any rate the fact remains that the piano as a voice leading instrument does not blend well with the instruments of the orchestra, and the organ will ever remain preferable for this purpose Especially is this the case if the continuo is, as in the Dusseldorf performance, carried out as continuous counterpoint and not merely in chords giving the concrete reading of Bach's ciphered bass, as was done most skill-fully by Messrs Buths and Francke. The latter gentleman handled the organ with consummate mastery in every detail of the complicated and principal solo instrument. Excellent also were the soloists in the orchestra; first of all concertmaster Adorján, of Dusseldorf, who performed the violin solos with rare feeling for style and true Bach breadth and simplicity; also Messrs. Dietrich, of Dusseldorf, Erckert, of Cologne, and G. Gland, of Meiningen, who performed the oboe d'amore parts and the first trumpet, flute and horn. Among the vocal soloists Miss Muriel Foster, from London, was a newcomer. Although the lady was evidently suffering from indisposition. her well trained and sympathetic alto voice pleased as much as her straightforward and yet tender as well as

deeply religious style of delivery. Messchaert, the Dutch baritone, sang as masterly as usual, and Mrs. Dr. Noordevier Rodingius, soprano, and the tenor Franz Litzinger, did their share toward a worthy performance of the B minor Mass.

After the first day's production of the Protestant Johann Sebastian Bach's setting of the text to the Roman Catholic Mass, the festival brought on Whitmonday a work which both in words and in music breathes the spirit of the In this respect and also in the outward Catholic Church. means employed and general effect produced Edward Elgar's "The Dream of Gerontius" resembles Edgar Tinel s
'St. Francis of Assisi," but there exists no other relationship between these two works, which I the most important that have been produced in the field of so called sacred music since the days of Brahms German Requiem. But, while the latter bears the strong hall mark "made in Germany," the two others are origin, the one having been written by a Flemish, the other by an English composer. Just the latter fact de-serves special mention, for so far we have not had many great musical creations that originated in England. Dream of Gerontius," however, is a work of impo however, is a work of importance and one that is bound to make its way through the con cert rooms of the entire world. It was written for and first produced at the Birmingham Festival of 1900, and its first performance in Germany took place at Dusseldorf last winter under the direction of Professor Buths, who made also an excellent German translation of Cardinal Newman's transcendentally beautiful poem. The deep impression the work then created led to its repetition larger scale of reproductive forces at the music festival.

Through the courtesy of the London publishers, Novello

& Co., I had a chance of looking through the piano score, and A. J. Jaeger, the amiable representative, added to my understanding of the work before I heard it through his clearly written and very comprehensive analytical sketch, from which I gleaned that "the death of a dear friend" see Henry J. Jenning's "Cardinal Newman, the Story of His Life"—"was the inspiring cause which occasioned The Dream of Gerontius' to be written. Gerontius, while he lies a-dying, dreams of his soul's transportation to the world, and its reception by the ministering agents of the Almighty's will. In a sublime strain of poetic power the mysteries are pictured that lie hidden across the por tals of the tomb. The straining eye of a hungering fancy discloses the idea of the 'maybe' of the soul's future." What a tremendous incentive for composition lies in

such a poem as this from Elgar, who possesses in like degree of perfection the nowadays almost especially English art of contrapuntal writing of the most cate and yet natural sort for four, eight or more parts and modern handling of the orchestra, by means of which revels in glorious and frequently quite novel colors. His harmonic scheme also shows considerable daring, and hence to the musician the work is io ipso an attractive and interesting one. This is especially the case in the first part of the setting of Cardinal Newman's poem, in which is described the deathbed scene of Gerontius, who, not without compunction, feels the moment of his dissolution approach. In his soul's agony he begs the friends assem-bled around his couch to join in his prayer, until finally, in the consciousness of his pious life and his repentance, he gives up his ghost, and the first part closes with a prayer of the priest and the assistants, "Go in the Name of God," which is just as original in invention and general structure as it is of rare ethereal beauty and elevating in d and effect.

Like sublime episodes also occur in the second part of the composition, which as a whole, however, produces an impression of being overdrawn and somewhat lengthy. What the poet demands of the composer would, moreover, have baffled the combined genius of all the great music creators that ever existed, viz., to give an adequate idea of the Choir of Angelicals. In his leading up to this episode, in the flight of Gerontius' soul to heaven, in questionings addressed to its guardian angel and the peace and reposeful answers thereto. Elgar strikes a floating and soaring beauty, which at moments touches upon the sublime, and would retain this effect if it not for an overdose of the same colors and the fiddles in



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highest positions, which is apt to produce me When finally the desired climax is reached, it falls comparatively flat, for we have been waiting for its appearance too long, and just, as I said before, the music of the heavenly hosts is not the best portion of the work. contrary, it lacks both inspiration and sublimeness. he descends to purgatory, however, which in true Roman Catholic spirit winds up the work, Elgar regains his natural musical element, and the work winds up in a tender beauty which delighted the hearts of the listeners. The English composer was treated handsomely by the German audience, which called him upon the platform repeatedly after both sections of his work and applauded him rap turously.

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The performance, under Professor Buths' direction, de serves to be praised unstintedly, especially as far as the work of the chorus, exceedingly difficult as the music is, and also the brilliant performance of the orchestra are concerned. Of the soloists I made mention of Miss Foster, the Angel, and Messchaert, the Priest, before. Ludwig Wuellner sang, or rather declaimed, the part of Gerontius. In the dying moments his agonizing voice benefited the dramatic side of the delivery. From the purely vocal viewpoint, however, he could not satisfy me. Aside from the fact that he had to sing the entire "Sanctus fortis, sanctus Deus" solo transposed down a whole tone and many other changes had to be made to bring the music within the limited compass of Mr. Wuellner voice, he delivered the ecstatic portions just as whimpers he did the deathbed music, and hence he was an ideal interpreter of the part of Gerontius or of his soul

The second part of the second day's program consisted of Liszt's "Faust" symphony, which Richard Strauss conducted con amore. I have never heard the work performed with greater plasticity, especially in the first movement and in some of the diabolical musical grins that fulminate through the Mephisto movement. In the Gretchen movement, however, a still more pronounced accentuation of the suavity and tenderness of the eternal in woman might have been brought to mind.

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The third and final concert was the only one which was crowded. This is the rule at the Netherrhenish Music Festival on the so-called soloists' day. Only I doubt whether the large audience this time were repaid for their trouble in attending. But they applauded as if they did and they seemed to enjoy themselves, which, after all, was

Professor Buths opened proceedings very creditable performance of the Fifth Symphony of Beethoven. In his efforts, however, to give an original reading, one that would deviate from all the conventional ones, he overshot the mark, the tempi and many of the expression signs of the composer, and hence the performance was not a "festive" one. Marcella Pregi, from Paris, once a charming singer, has little voice left, and her delivery of a recitative and rondo for soprano, with piano obligato and orchestra, by Mozart, was anything but en-joyable, although the music of this to me hitherto un-known relic is a perfect gem of the master's muse. Prof. copold Auer, from St. Petersburg, nearly butchered the Brahms Violin Concerto. Years ago, when I heard him at the Munich Tonkuenstler meeting deliver the Tschaikowsky Concerto, I had reason to believe him a truly He must have deteriorated considerably since then, or else the Brahms Concerto is not as con genial to him as the Tschaikowsky. Why, then, play it? Professor Auer's memory gave out once, nearly causing an upset in the first movement, and again in the ending of the slow movement, which throughout he gave without musical feeling or beauty. His cadenza in the first move-ment was entirely out of the style of the work, and lacked taste in every direction, and the finale was rotten also from a technical viewpoint. The audience, however, applauded, and as they evidently were bent upon getting their meney's worth, Professor Auer obliged them by adding the Violin Transcription in D of Chopin's D flat Noc turne for piano.

The love duet from Richard Strauss' "song poem," "Feuersnoth," was the only novelty upon the program. I had heard an orchestral excerpt from the same work at a York Philharmonic concert last winter which I enjoyed very much. I cannot say the same for this love

duet, which musically verges upon madness. poser, who conducted, was made much of by the very enthusiastic audience, and the two vocalists, Mrs. Elsa Hensel-Schweitzer, a splendid soprano singer, and Scheide mantel, the renowned Dresden baritone, deservedly came in for their share of the applause.

The festival closed, as it had begun, with Bach, whose humorous and exceedingly interesting dramma per mu-"The Altercation Between Phoebus and Pan," made a fitting end to a somewhat lengthy program. I wrote about this work at length when it was first produced at Berlin during the Bach festival two seasons ago. The music festival performance was fully up to the standard re-quired by the composition, all of the six vocal soloists above mentioned participating in more or less important parts, and the Dusseldorf Festival Chorus contributing its share nobly under the direction of Professor Buths, whom the audience dismissed with numerous extra salvos of applause, in which the orchestra joined with a fanfare

A DIPLOMA FROM PARIS FOR MR. CARL. Guilmant Organ School Commencement.

ILLIAM C. CARL has received from the commis sioners of the Paris Exposition a diploma, awarded for his compositions and exhibit of the Guilmant Organ School. He is the only American organist to receive this

The Guilmant Organ School will close its remarkably ccessful year next week Tuesday evening, June 17, at 8 o'clock, when the graduation exercises will be held in the First Presbyterian Church. Three students, Merrill Marquand Hutchinson, Mrs. Gertrude Elizabeth McKellar and Miss Edna C. Tilley, have completed the course, and will receive diplomas, the presentation to be made by the Rev. Dr. Howard Duffield. Tickets are not required for this event, and in addition to the graduation class several of the students will appear, assisted by Edwin Wilson baritone of the "Old First" Church. The final examinations are being held this week, conducted by A. J. Good-rich and Mr. Carl. The eleventh students' recital will also be given, supplemented by another, to be played by the graduating class.

The organ tuning class, under Gustav Schlette, pleted their work last week, and the members of the graduating class have passed the associateship examinations of the American Guild of Organists and been admitted into the Guild.

Closing Recital by de Wienzkowska Pupils.

THE closing recital by the pupils of Madame de Wienzkowska was given at the de Wienzkowska studio in Carnegie Hall last Monday afternoon, June 2, before the members of the repertory and interpretation class. The program speaks for itself:

Mrs. J. A. Parker, Mrs. J. A. Lilley, Ida and Edna Mampel.

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| Mrs. A. Hansing. |
| Sonate Pathétique (first part)Beethoven |
| Edna Mampel. |
| ImpromptuSchubert |
| EtudeMendelssohn |
| Mrs. Guy Robinson. |
| Sonate, A majorBeethoven |
| Sonate, A major |
| Ida Mampel. |
| IntermezzoBrahms |
| Witches' Dance |
| Mrs. J. D. Lilley. |
| Hungarian FantaisieLiszt |
| Ida Mampel. |
| Ballad, G minorChopin |
| Etude, G flatChopin |

Mrs. I. A. Parker. Madame de Wienzkowska played the orchestral part on a second piano for the Hungarian Fantaisie with her usual

DECSI SUMMER TERM.-Max Decsi, the teacher of singing, whose pupils are fast becoming most prominent in metropolitan affairs. will, because of the demand from professionals and others, continue his teaching during the summer period at his beautiful and cool studio in Carnegie

REDDALL'S PUPILS' ANNUAL RECITAL.

T his annual pupils' recital at the Pouch Gallery, Brooklyn, last Friday evening, Frederic Reddall pre ented fifteen young women and matrons and one you nan, who had studied with him during the year. Reddall believes that a part of the vocal training consists in preparing pupils to sing at the public recitals. By making up a judicious program this sensible teacher was en-abled to introduce many of his very best pupils at this annual recital. As there were no encores the concert was over before anyone was tired out, and as a result all entered the social hour which followed refreshed in body and mind. Besides the sixteen vocal solos, the Cæcilia Ladies' Quartet (all Reddall pupils) sang two numbers. Mr. Reddall also sang twice, and Miss Georgina Walsh, a violinist, played two solos. As usual at the Reddall recitals, American composers were not neglected.

Here is the program for the evening:Chaminade (Bernard B. Christ, Jr., violini Mrs. Bernard B. Christ, Jr., violini Mrs. Bernard B. Christ Waltz song, Conseils à Nina.Wekerlin Song, Angel Land Mildred Shields. Aria, Waltz Song, Romeo and Juliet........... Miss Hannah S. Miller. Serenade, Swiss Echo Song. Eckert
Florence Ward. Lied, My All.....Lillian White. The violin, Mazur. Mtynarski
Georgina Walsh.
Song (by request), The Two Grendiers. Schumann
Frederic Reddall.

A pupils' concert hardly calls for extended criticism, but a word about the individual voices and Mr. Reddall's method should be added. Miss Johnson, who sang the Ave Maria," arranged from "Cavalleria Rusticana," sesses a high voice of pleasing quality. Miss Oldenburg is a dramatic soprano, and she sang the Arditi waltz song in good style. Miss Moseley revealed a flexible soprano voice in the arietta from Mozart's "Don Juan." Miss Abraham, another soprano, has a brilliant voice, and her singing of the Chaminade song was pleasing. has a light lyric voice, and her singing of the Bach-Gounod "Ave Maria" was creditable. Miss Lambert, a soprano, sang the Wekerlin waltz song with taste. Miss Shields, who sang "Angel Land," by Pinsuti, has a sympathetic contralto voice. In the Waltz Song from Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet" Miss Miller revealed a clear, high baric voice. Mr. Beebee, the only male numil who sang is lyric voice. Mr. Beebee, the only male pupil who sang, is a tenor with a pure, high voice. Miss Levy, who sang de Koven's ballad, has a small but pretty voice, a voice that will develop as she gets older. Miss Conant possesses a will develop as she gets older. Miss Conant fine mezzo contralto voice, and she sings well. Miss Cluff is a mezzo soprano and a promising student. Miss Ward is a soprano with a voice of very beautiful quality. If she continues to study hard, the world will hear from her. Mrs. Cozine sang Mr. Reddall's song, "Spring's Awakening," delightfully. She has an excellent soprano voice, and

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Mr. Reddall's manly singing is the best illustration of method, a method free from shams and nonsense Naturally, some of the pupils sang better than others, but on the whole the recital was one to make any teacher feel encouraged. The quartet sang well, their voices blending nicely together. The violin numbers by Miss Walsh were nicely together. enjoyed by the large audience. Piano accompaniments for the singers were played by Miss Ida Muhlan and Miss Gertrude Shoemaker. The organ accompaniments in the Mascagni and Gounod numbers were played by George Corwin Stout.

s previously announced in THE MUSICAL COURIER, Mr. Reddall will open his summer school at "The Bayside," Shinnecock Bay, Long Island, on July 12. There will be a six weeks' course, and along with the vocal lessons and studies in languages, diction, &c., pupils may enjoy an ideal vacation, sailing, rowing, fishing and surf and still water bathing. "The Bayside" overlooks the great South Beach, one of the most beautiful and healthful spots on The number of pupils will be limited. plications should be made to Frederic Reddall. Pouch Gallery, Brooklyn, New York

BRAHMS' POSTHUMOUS WORK.

THOUGH five years have come and gone since the world became infinitely poorer by the death Brahms, and these five years have been years of toil and trouble to those who were interested in the great composer's testamentary dispositions, it is only quite recently that, peace having been restored, there has come to light posthumous work by Brahms, published by N. Simrock, erlin, and Alfred Lengnick, London, W.

Brahms' library is in the possession of the Gesellschaft Musikfreunde in Vienna, a society over whose destinies Brahms himself once presided for a brief space of At the time of his death it was supposed that the Vier Ernste Gesänge" (Four Serious Songs) were his swan song." In a sense they were, for on May 7, 1896, the very year in which he was attacked by the illness nately proved fatal, he played over these songs. which had been intended as a surprise return of thanks to any friends for their birthday offerings to him. After playing the songs, Brahms declared to the assembled com his determination to write no more—why, no man ell. Possibly he had a premonition of impending tell. death. Possibly he believed the point in his labor to have been reached beyond which it was impossible to go; the picture he had painted by his life work, it was, thought Brahms, perhaps not his to dim. Be this how it may, Brahms was to create one more work before the pen dropped from his hand forever.

The work comprises eleven Choral Vorspiele (Preludes based upon chorales) for organ with pedal obligato.

It is thought to be just possible that this composition might have originated in a period anterior to the "Four Serious Songs." but as it is undated nothing absolutely final can actually be proved. Yet it is well known tha Yet it is well known that Brahms himself destroyed, by burning, an immense num her of his earlier compositions, among them, no doubt, the movements of the (chronologically) first Symphony of which he wrote in one of his characteristic letters to Schumann. But even more reasonable is the quotation given in a recent number of the Signalc from the diary of Or, Richard Heuberger, the distinguished critic, under date "This morning to Brahms at Ischl. lune 24, 1896: played for me his manuscript Chorale arrangements—beau-tiful pieces * * * genuine Brahms." tiful pieces

As we said, the work consists of eleven numbers, written on three staves. The largest occupies six pages of manuscript, the smallest two only. On the authority of Herr Ernst von Dohnányi, the distinguished Hungarian pianist, whose reputation is growing as steadily in Eng-land as in his native land, the Preludes are of immense

value, not only as technolal studies but also as music.

Thanks to the fact that Brahms' library has come at last into the possession of the Gesellschaft der Musik-freunde from the safeguarding of the Vienna Court of Chancery, this posthumous work will soon be available for performance, when no doubt it will be eagerly so by organists in search of the new and the beautiful

"Everything in manuscript which shall be found amount my papers shall become the property of my publisher," wrote Since then, however, the celebrated Simrock died, and his business is managed by his nephew, into whose hands the manuscript has been duly delivered. order that there may be no doubts raised as to the genuineness of the manuscript, Herr Hans Simrock has photographed. The original will ultimately rest, as indeed it should, in the library of the Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde, the name of whose estimable librarian, Dr. Euse bius Mandyczewski, will be sufficient guarantee of its safe keeping. A word about the music. In many respects it resembles Brahms' earlier works for the organ, written s thirty or forty years ago—the prelude and fugue on the choral "O Traurigkeit," and the great A flat fugue. It is curious, and one wonders if the coincidence is accidental, that no less than eight of the chorales used are on the subject of death—"O Welt, ich muss dich lassen" ("O World Now I Must Leave Thee") and "Herzlich thut mich verlangen" ("Sincerely I Desire") are both treated The more important are those numbered I to 4. 7. 8, 10 and 11, and of these 3, 4, 7 and 8 are perhaps the most perfect; No. 5 is in three parts only. Without mu-sical notation it is impossible to give an idea of the wealth of resource in the figuration. But the many thousands of musicians in England, as well as on the Continent, who are whole hearted admirers of Brahms' genius, will not have long to wait ere they can see for themselves all, and more than all, that we have said. The Choral Vorspiele are to be issued in arrangements for piano solo, piano duet, harmonium and piano and harmonium combined, as well as in their original form for organ.

"O Welt, ich muss dich lassen—O Welt, O Welt"—so sings Brahms—the final utterance of a mighty, deep, artistic soul .- Musical Standard.

McCall Lanham.

M cCALL LANHAM, the baritone singer and voice teacher in the American Institute of Applied Music, as had a very busy season with his concert work and large class of pupils. His pupils are very loud in their praise of his really admirable method of teaching. has given especial notice to correct breathing, and the certainly show the results of this fundamental work, which is so absolutely necessary. Among those pupils who have done really splendid work this winter are Mrs. Nell Lucy, from Pine Bluff, Ark., who, by the way, has only been a pupil of Mr. Lanham's about three months, but her progress has been so rapid that she is to be con gratulated on finding the right teacher just in time. She has a beautiful soprano voice, which she is learning to with great skill, and her voice and good diction have aroused much favorable comment among those who have heard her. Miss Hulda Stump and Miss Essertier both have shown marked improvement in their work, and they are returning in the fall to continue their studies Miss Ochs and Miss Parkin, two light sopranos, worked faithfully, and much credit is due to Mr. Lanham for his care of these very promising voices. They also return in September. Miss Lindstidt, Miss Saxton and Mr. Sammis, a trio of good voices from Long Island, have done good work, and splendid results are expected of them in the future. Miss Asheraft, Miss Saxton, Miss Cunningham, Mr. Schapiro, Mr. Meyer and Miss Parkin will continue their work during the summer, preparatory to serious work in the fall.

MISS MILLIGAN TO PLAY AT THE NAVY YARD.—Miss Edith C. Milligan, the talented pupil of Leopold Wolfsohn, concert to be given at the Brooklyn Navy will play at a Yard, Friday, June 13. Other artists and the Marine Band Miss Milligan's program numbers will include the Chopin Ballade in A flat and the Moszkowski Waltz,

MINNIE TRACEY.—During a recent visit to Bayreuth Miss Tracey made a most favorable impression singing for Madame Wagner, who expressed a wish to have American prima donna for the festival in 1903.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF APPLIED MUSIC.

THE Metropolitan College of Music held its closing concert in Assembly Hall, 156 Fifth avenue, Monday evening, June 2, the following program being given:

Rendi l'Sereno al Giglio..... The Garland..... Ernest Theodore Martin.

Metropolitan Choir, Paul Ambrose, director; Miss J. Katherine
Macdonald, accompanist.

Mendelssoh

Earle A. Wehn.

Daisy Brown.

Duo for horn and piano. Henselt

Della Ferous Lyon.

It Is Enough, from Elijah. Mendelssohn
Joseph A. Phillips, accompanied by Thomas Egbert Perkins.

Etude, op. 25, No. 11. Clarence Tice.

The Roatman's Good Night. Schira

The audience, which was composed of musicians and music lovers, listened with great interest to the uumbers, which were rendered in such a manner as to call forth spontaneous and hearty applause. The various examples of the different branches of work showed appreciative study on the part of the pupils, refined instinct on the part of the teachers and faithful devotion to the high standard required by the institute.

The honors belonged to Miss Minnebel Smith, pupil of Miss Mina Bruere; to E. T. Martin and J. A. Phillips, pupils of Tom Karl, all of whom sang in a most finishing style; and also to Mrs. Della Ferous Lyon, whose duo with the horn was a delightful evidence of musical appreciation and good taste, and to Earle A. Wehn, who played with such an amount of temperament as to elicit a hearty recall, both of whom are piano pupils of Miss Chittenden.

In the selections for the piano the individuality of each performer showed that the personality of the student was given sway and an intelligent execution was the result. In those numbers which were supposed to be solos with

paniments, the accompanists so thoroughly understood the value of their own parts that the hearers were delighted with duets.

Another noticeable feature was the quiet composure of the students, evidencing the personal as well as musical influence of the instructors; it was a musicians' concert. Teacher's certificates were awarded to sixty-five students in the first grade and supplementary course synthetic piano method, and in the public school music course, and in his address when giving the diplomas President Edgar O. Silver urged the students to retain the high ideals set before them in their studies, and to maintain unfailingly the standard which it is the aim of the institute to promote, so that whether as students, simply, or in the higher and more useful lives of teachers they might inspire others with the inspiration they had them selves received.

The season of 1901-2 is the sixteenth year of the Metro politan College of Music, and the second year of the American Institute of Applied Music

The faculty for the coming year has been most carefully sosen, and sincere congratulations are offered to the corps of teachers, whose dean is Miss Kate S. Chittenden.

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HE principal musical affair of the week has been an "Afternoon of Song," given on Saturday at the studio of Percy A. R. Dow, the program being given by Mr. Dow's pupils. The program, which I give below, was an excellent one, excellently rendered. Mr. Dow has a growing reputation as a vocal teacher, and his work is beautifully exemplified in the ability of his pupils, many of whom are holding fine public positions in this city in churches and in concert work. These recitals are always well attended and greatly enjoyed. Friday evening, June 6, will be the big public recital in Sherman & Clay Hall, when "Hiawatha's Departure" and many other fine con-certed numbers will be given by a large chorus of Mr. Dow's pupils.

Saturday's program read as follows: Prologue (Aus Field und Fiord)... Night Thoughts....GriegCorneliusGrieg Andrew Y. Wood.DvorákRogers

The Birds' Noel... In the Woods..... Mrs. Richard H. Robb. Lasciali Dr....
At Parting.
Love Me if I Live...

Miss Wilhelmine Koenig.
A Lover and His Lass (XVIth Century)...
Autumn Sadness...

Thou Brilliant Bird...

Mrs. Margaret G. Best.Nevin

......Brahms .Meyer-Helmund Confidence
The Princess...
Journeyman's Song (Danish)...
At Twilight.
Nymphs and Shepherds...
Miss Corinne Gyle.MacDowellGoring-Thomas

Mrs. Robb,
At the piano, Miss Julia Levinson and Miss Ethel Marrack.

Villanelle

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A pleasant incident attendant on Hofmann's departure for Europe was the sending of a telegram to Sir Henry Heyman, of this city, on which were the words "Good-by Hofmann

In return Sir Henry sent a post card on which was lithographed the ferry building in bright colors. On the top of the tower Sir Henry attached to the flagstaff a flag

bearing the graceful legend, "Welcome, Josef Hofmann." Mr. Heyman received recently a fine large photograph of the celebrated trio, Hofmann, Kreisler and Gérardy, which he immediately framed and hung on the wall of his studio. There have been many visitors to view the splen-did reproduction of three favorite artists.

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Miss Frances Wertheimer, the Leipsic graduate, is rapidly coming to the front with her piano work. Miss Wertheimer is a very talented girl and possesses a splendidly trained technic. She has played recently in a number of musicales here with signal success.

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Madame Rosewald sailed for Europe by the Hamburg-American line on May 6 in good spirits and looking forward to the trip. She goes to the springs at Marienbad for her health. In New York she spent a little season She goes to the springs at Marienbad with her favorite pupil, Mabelle Gilman, with whom she had a most enjoyable visit reviewing old times.

Mrs. A. Wedmore Jones.

Orchestral Concert by Etta Edwards' Pupils, Boston.

A N event of more than usual interest brought the season of pupils' recitals to a brilliant close on Thursday evening, June 5, when an orchestral concert was given in Steinert Hall, Boston, by six of Madame Edwards pupils, the Misses Matthews, Ellsbree, Atkinson, Wetmore, Olsen and Wilson. The orchestra was under the direction of Mr. Mollenhauer, and Miss Adeline Raymond was the pianist. The program was of especial excellence, and included Gluck's "Che Faro." from "Orfeo"; "L'Amero," from Mozart's "Il re Pastore"; "Caro mio ben," Giordani; romanza from Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana"; Schubert's "Der Hirt auf dem Felsen"; "Printemps," from Saint-Saëns' "Samson and Delilah"; arias from Bruneau's "L'Ouragan," Charpentier's "Louise" and duo from Lalo's "Roi d'Ys," with orchestral accompaniment; also songs by Sinding and Tschaikowsky, with piano accom-

Madame Edwards has won special honor as a program maker, and the one on Thursday evening was no exception to the rule, the groups being arranged with attention to the schools of music represented and to continuity. Madame Edwards is the only teacher in Boston who gives vocal recital with orchestral accompaniment, which did for the first time last season. The operatic se The operatic selections which were given for the most part were heard to the best advartage with an orchestral accompaniment, and the pupils it was an invaluable experience

All of the young women did so well on Thursday that it is difficult to particularize. Miss Ellsbree's beautiful

voice and finished, artistic singing were particularly enjoyed, the Schubert aria with clarinet obligato being sung with much dramatic force and expression

Miss Wetmore's "Louise" aria was a charming piece of work, so delicate and expressive it was a delight to all.

Miss Olsen in the Bruneau number successfully over

came tremendous technical difficulties. Miss Mathews and Miss Atkinson have contralto voices of more than average excellence, and Miss Wilson has a contralto of remarkable beauty and depth.

The orchestra did excellent work in accompanying the young singers, and Miss Raymond played fine accompaniments

No Organ, No Church,

BECAUSE a restriction in the deed prevented the playmg of instrumental music in the edifice, the John Knox Presbyterian Church, of Jersey City, closed its doors

yesterday and the congregation was disbanded.

The church was established by the late George R. McKenzie, president of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, and the deed provided that instrumental music should be forever barred in the edifice-a restriction that made the services so unattractive that the membership

dwindled until there was barely a corporal's guard left.

Efforts were made to revive interest, but they proved unsuccessful, and the remaining members concluded to surrender title in the property to the Jersey City Presbyided to tery and disband. The Presbytery took charge yesterday and the John Knox Presbyterian Church passed out of existence The Presbytery has not yet decided what it will do with the property.

Rag Time Vetocd.

WASHINGTON, June 7, 1902

THE first Saturday afternoon concert of the season was given in the White House grounds this afternoon. The concerts in the Capitol grounds will be begun next Wednesday afternoon. Lieutenant Santelman, director of the Marine Band, said to-day that "rag-time" music would be barred from the programs at the open air concerts in the White House and Capitol grounds. tenant Santelman said:

"I don't mean that rag-time will not be played by the band, but that it will not appear upon the programs and will be used exclusively for encores. Being the official band at the White House, it is in keeping with the dignity of the band, and I believe it is the purpose of the authorities, to have it a representative band in the education of the tastes of the people. There are a vast number of stu-dents of music in this city, and, I believe, ever increasing appreciation of the beautiful and classical in music, as is evidenced by the many requests constantly received for such music on the programs."—Sun.

Horrible Discovery.

A UTHORITIES of the Church of St. Gervais have A just discovered that there are some women mem-bers in the famous choir, and, as this is forbidden by ten years has given so much pleasure to music lovers visiting Paris by rendering religious works, has been sup-pressed.—Cabled to Sunday Herald.

THE SAARS SAIL FOR EUROPE.—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Victor Saar and their family sailed for Europe yesterday (Tuesday) on the Hamburg-American line steamer Moltke. They will spend the summer in Bayaria.

SOUTHERN MUSIC TEACHERS TO MEET IN ASHEVILLE.—The annual meeting of the Southern Music Teachers' Association will be held at Asheville, N. C., June 17, 18 and 19.

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MUSICAL COURIER A NOTHER Presbyterian church closed—this

TENOR who feeds hungry, neglected cats and a multi-millionaire who thinks more of Shakespeare and Bach than he does of his own riches are two striking incidents of the moribund musical season.

ESTABLISHED JANUARY, 1880. DAMAGES of \$50,000 were awarded a Russian out in an accident on the Transcaucasian Railway. What if they had been false? And what a chance for mediocre singers to make money.

> R AGTIME music is to be debarred from the programs of the Marine Band when that official organization plays at the open air concerts of the White House and Capitol grounds. We hope that President Roosevelt will not be disappointed.

SAYS the Commercial Advertiser:

"M. de Nevers, the critic, has set to music 'La Mort du Duc d'Enghien,' a play which was produced at the Théâtre Antoine. He expects to have it produced by Sonzogno in Milan next winter.'

WOMAN, lovely woman, is still a bone of contention, a vessel of wrath, in ecclesiastical circles. Because the choir of St. Gervais, Paris, contained a few of the sex it has been suppressed by the churchly authorities. This is more absurd than the row over the surpliced female choristers in this State. Is there any particular timbre in the feminine voice that gives offense to the God of these fanatics.

WALTER DAMROSCH threatens to take the Philharmonic Orchestra on tour in the West. Why not lose it out there? A composite portrait of the society would not be as interesting as the sum total of the combined ages of this frisky organization. And why should young Mr. Damrosch make changes in the personnel of this old band? Why should the so-called number two players be routed to make room for younger men when the gentlemen who occupy the first desks are nearly all septuagenarians! Or, won't it be the "good, old Philharmonic" for another hundred years!

JERSEY CITY sets an example to New York, Chicago and other large cities in the plans for the free park concerts during the summer months. The board of finance of the terminal city across the North River has appropriated the sum of \$5,000 for concerts six nights in the week in the months of July and August. Chief Engineer van Keuren, who is evidently something of a musician, has outlined the specifications. These provide that each concert shall open with "The Star Spangled Banner" and close with that grand hymn "Lead, Kindly Light." Besides the opening and closing pieces, each program must have ten numbers, and four of these must be classical, five popular and one a solo, either instrumental or vocal.

THE St. Louis Republic indulged in some rosy statements about the earnings of some wonder children. To our bewilderment we learn of Pepito Rodriguez, who receives from \$500 to \$1,000 a night-note the easy jump in the figures-in Spain. And he is coming here next season at the rate of \$7,500 a concert! Come, we are listening to marvelous stories! Otto Hegner made \$150,000 servers wrote gushing letters to the daily news-

and retired; but weary of inaction is now teaching and earning \$50,000 a year! Where, we wonder? Then there is a boy actor, a boy sculptor, a boy billiardist, a boy surgeon, who are fast becoming millionaires in this country and elsewhere. The boy surgeon is only six, but his income "runs well into four figures." Tut, tut! a boy J. Pierpont Morgan is bound to arise and put these mere wage earners to flight!

CARL REINECKE has an article in the Deutschen Revue on the dedication of music compositions. He has found that out of all of Bach's works only three bear a dedication. Haydu has the unusual honor of being the dedicatee of no less than six of Mozart's string quartets and three of Beethoven's piano sonatas. But beside the above mentioned quartets Mozart has only dedicated six out of his 626 works. Beethoven was much more lavish in these matters and distributed his dedications among kings and princes, to say nothing of the numberless titled small fry. Mendelssohn remembered his teachers, Zelter, Berger and Moscheles, in his inscriptions; Brahms was more democratic and liberal, yet 96 of his 130 published compositions bear no dedicatory names. Leoncavallo remembers his wife, and on the title page of 'La Bohème" wrote: "A toi, me chère Berthe, qui a si courageusement partagée ma Bohème"; Mascagni, the novel dedicant, ironically inscribes his opera, "Die Masken," to himself. Last and most sensible of all is Bruckner, who dedicates his unfinished symphony to-God.

M. FINCK quoted the following views in last Saturday's Evening Post:

Although Paris is no longer the musical centre of the universe, the Parisian journals keep up their habit of devoting one-half of their first page to the account of a first operatic performance. After the recent première of Wag-ner's "Götterdämmerung," the Figaro devoted its first three columns to an article on it by Gustave Charpentier, the composer of the very successful opera "Louise," which has been praised as the dawn of a new school of French music. Charpentier relates how deeply he was moved, as youth, when he first heard the Wagner overtures, though they were only played on a wretched piano. a revelation! What an upsetting of my mind brought up on the classics!" he exclaims. Afterward, when he heard this music in the opera house, he no longer admired ithe adored it, and worshipped its creator, both as composer and poet. Then he began to read his prose writings on social and philosophical subjects. "What had been admiration first and adoration next now became love. to-day? To-day this love endures." Charpenties Charpentier then gives his impressions of the great work: "Le Crépuscule des Dieux! un drame atroce comme une agonie, puissant comme une tempête; le drame, balayé par le flot bourbeux de la passion, de ce qu'il y a de plus beau et de plus horrible au monde, de plus noble et de plus vil: l'Humanité." This opera, he continues, remains as a grand temple to which all will come to pray and to get wisdom and inspira-tion. But they should retain their independence, and get from the very contact with the colossus the power to escape its voke.

NEW YORK is easily the noisiest city in the world. The blasting and building operations now in progress are on a tremendous scale, while the swish and roar of its various trolley systems make it a place to be avoided by people with sen-

sitive nerves. So all the more culpable is the action of the THE ORGAN Board of Health or Board of NUISANCE. Aldermen in allowing the vil-

lainous hand organs to render our life hideous on long summer days. These instruments of torture are now constructed on a formidable scale; horses are even employed to drag them. They roar, squeak, blare and titillate music of the vulgarest quality. They serve no purpose, æsthetic or philanthropic. Yet once when suppressed for a short time a lot of sentimental idiots and political time-

papers. "Let the little ones"-whose fathers' votes they try to capture-"enjoy innocent music," &c., ad nauseam. Now we have not the slightest notion of interfering with the rights of the far East and far West sides; but there is no reason why their "pleasures" should be forced upon our unwilling ears. The dirty, insolent foreigners who rent these machines should be driven off our respectable highways. There should be a dead line, say east of Second, west of Ninth avenues, and south of Bleecker street. The antiquated German bands that blew and slew music were never so agony breeding; and they were comical to gaze upon. When will the decent law-abiding residents of this city assert their rights? These organs are a nuisance, a menace to health. Anyone whose ears are insulted by them is legally entitled to drive them away, either with a hose pipe or a club. When a pair persist in playing different tunes simultaneously red pepper is a wonderful specific.

T was not in Tschaikowsky's nature to grapple defiantly with the outward conditions of life. He had an enviable amount of patience-Modeste reminds the reader how long his brother bore the drudgery of his government position before taking

A NEW **TSCHAIKOWSKY** BIOGRAPHY, 1871-1872.

the desperate leap. Now his duties as teacher were becoming irksome, and he craved time to devote to composition. Then there was another circumstance

which worried him not a little: Nikolai Rubinstein's intimacy of friendship. He realized fully that to gain the desired freedom he must emanicpate himself from the friendly influence of Nikolai. With all of the latter's kindness, and his own remarkable esteem for Rubinstein-both as artist and manhe suffered and chafed under the despotism of this well meaning friend. The two were of different opinions on many things, yet from early morning until late at night Peter Iljitsch had to adjust his life to the will of Nikolai.

Rubinstein was absolutely wretched when left alone, and, although Tschaikowsky had twice before decided to leave him, the knowledge of his friend's loneliness induced him to give up his plans both times. But now another friend appeared to fill the breach caused by a possible rupture. This was N. A. Hubert, who consented gladly to live with Rubinstein, and Tschaikowsky moved out with much eagerness.

So only in his thirty-second year did Peter Iliitsch attain that freedom which he had craved for a long time. He rented an apartment of three rooms, furnished them sparsely-Modeste even enumerates the articles of furniture!-but took childish pleasure in arranging his few belongings. Then he engaged a servant, Michael Sofronoff, and the menage was complete. To meet these extra expenses was not an easy task; but fortunately his salary at the conservatory had been advanced to 1,500 rubles annually, and the royalties from his compositions brought him about 500 rubles more. Another source of small income were his critical writings, which he began about this time. It appears that when Laroche-the critic for the Moskauer Nachrichten-took his new position at the St. Petersburg Conservatory he left his Moscow position to Hubert: but Hubert was both sickly and lazy, so that Kaschkin and Tschaikowsky both substituted for him when he could not or would not do his work. Thus Tschaikowsky's activity as a journalist began and continued until 1876.

Shortly after his change of quarters he writes enthusiastically to his brother: "Wonderful—I am already spending my second evening at home!" Later: "I cannot rejoice enough over my decision in leaving Nikolai Rubinstein. Despite my friendship, living with him was burdensome to me.

The Moscow Conservatory has gotten into financial difficulties and failure threatens. Tschaikowsky admits that he would regret this calamity if it visited the conservatory, but at heart he would applaud its happening, because his duties there put him out of humor constantly and are boresome. The work on his opera is progressing slowly, and he contemplates taking a month's trip at the request of his favorite Schilowsky. He adds mysteriously: "As no one in Moscow save Rubinstein must know of this trip, everyone else here must be led to believe that I have gone to visit Sascha." Why all this secrecy Modeste does not offer to ex-

The trip comes off and Peter Iljitsch stops at St. Petersburg, Berlin and Paris en route to Nice, which latter spot he finds so delightful that he remains there three weeks. Then he travels on to Genoa, Venice and Vienna, and from there back to Moscow and work.

In January, 1871, Moscow planned to hold an exposition in honor of the 200th birthday anniversary of Peter the Great. The music arrangements were at first placed in Nikolai Rubinstein's hands, but his plans were so extravagant that he was deposed and the celebrated 'cellist Davidow elected. The music committee was made up of prominent musicians; among them Laroche, Rimsky-Korsakoff, Asantschewsky, Leschetizky, festival cantata was ordered of the poet Polonsky and Tschaikowsky asked to compose music to it. for which he was to be paid 760 rubles. Peter Iliitsch set to work on this upon his return to Moscow, and in two months had finished the composition, which Modeste says was very long and com-

By May he had also completed his opera "Opritschnik" and sent it to St. Petersburg to Náprawnik, the composer, for judgment. The Festival Cantata was performed in the open air on the occasion of the exposition's opening. Moskauer Nachrichten reports that the conductor was Davidow, and that the public in the garden heard not a note of the work, the sounds being wafted elsewhere by the winds. But those who had attended the rehearsals in doors said the work was one of surpassing beauty

Soon after this occasion Tschaikowsky left Moscow for Kamenka, where he spent the month of June, and began composing his Second Symphony. Then he takes a short trip with Modeste and, leaving him, goes to Ussowo to Schilowsky.

Part of the journey with Modeste was made in a coach, and Modeste relates an amusing incident in connection with this detail. He and Peter Iljitsch had had a bit more wine and whiskey than was good for people with empty paunches, and when they arrived at a posting station and found no relay of horses ready Tschaikowsky, emboldened by liquor, read the riot act to the officials and demanded instant service, announcing himself as "Fürst Wolkonsky, Kammerjunker." This had immediate results and fresh horses were forthcoming. Of course, delight of the travelers. But when Peter Iljitsch arrived at the station from which he was to book to Ussowo he noticed that he had left his portfolio at the place where he had had the row. So here he was practically without money-his coin and valuables being in the missing portfolio. He went to the "Diligencenbureau," still palming himself off as "Fürst Wolkonsky," and asked that a coachman be sent for his lost bag; this was done and altogether he was treated with more ceremony and bows than were comfortable. At the hotel that night he spent a dreadful time with mice, rats and the thought that on the morrow his identity would be discovered and his impersonation punished. Next morning he learned that the station master had refused to deliver the portfolio to anyone save "Fürst Wolkonsky"; so with fear and trembling Some interesting news peeps out of the next let- Peter Iljitsch posted back to the seat of annoyance. Mail and Express.

He acknowledges that never in his life did he put in two more wretched hours than these of suspense. Arriving at the place he found that strangely enough the station master had not opened the portfolio and still believed in the nobility of the claimant. Impressed with the man's honesty Peter Iljitsch asked him his name at parting; it quite took his breath when the station master answered: "Tschaikowsky." At first Peter Iljitsch thought this was some sort of a practical joke, but he learned later that the man's name was really Tschaikowsky.

-Before closing the account of this season be it remarked that the Moscow Conservatory was helped out of its financial difficulties by an annual subvention of 20,000 rubles which continued for five years. Tschaikowsky resumed his duties there as "Professor"-so he was called-during the next year. This will be reviewed next week.

Below is a chronological list of Tschaikowsky's compositions during the season 1871-72;

Opus 10: Two piano pieces, "Nocturne" and 'Humoresque"; both dedicated to Schilowsky.

Festival Cantata for chorus, orchestra and tenor

"Opritschnik," an opera in four acts, dedicated to "Seiner Kaiserlichen Hoheit dem Grossfürsten Konstantin Nikolajewitsch." Modeste describes the plot in detail, which is of little interest to our readers. The musical material is in part taken from those previous works of Tschaikowsky which threaten to fall into oblivion. Modeste explains this frugality away in a most brotherly fashion by contending that Peter Iljitsch, otherwise prodigal, did not believe in wasting talent which God had given him, and so put every available scrap of melody to a second purpose. Is not Modeste an admirable and lovable biographer? In "Opritschnik" therefore the composer has utilized much music that formerly had appeared in his doomed opera "Der Woiwode"-an unfortunate device Modeste admits. The entire opera seems to have been pretty bad. Almost the complete first act was borrowed from "Woiwode"; the Introduction to the second act was composed and orchestrated by Tschaikowsky's pupil Wladimir Schilowsky; consequently new matter does not begin until the opening of the second act.

Beside the above mentioned works Tschaikowsky finished the sketches for his Second Symphony, in C minor, during the summer of 1872.

PLANS are being talked of in Brooklyn for a singing festival in September in which not only Germans but Swedes, Danes and Welshmen shall participate. The Brooklyn Eagle "respectfully suggests" that Americans also be invited to

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take part, to which THE A BROOKLYN MUSICAL COURIER echoes "Amen." It is estimated that the sum

of \$10,000 will be required to meet the expenses of the festival. Ex-Mayor Charles A. Schieren has guaranteed a part of this amount, and other pledges are expected soon. The members of the Brooklyn Arion who attended the Welsh festival at Scranton are the prime movers in the scheme to hold an Eisteddfod in Brooklyn.

THE not very reassuring news reaches us that the Philadelphia Orchestra Association announces a deficit of \$70,000. There were eighteen evening concerts and eighteen afternoon public rehearsals given during the season which cost \$100,-000, while the receipts were \$30,000. The guarantors promise to continue their subscriptions and the deficit is to be made good. Fritz Scheel remains conductor "in spite of the dissatisfaction among the orchestral players," according to the



THE CHOPIN PLAYER.

The sounds torture me: I see them in my brain;
They spin a flickering web of living threads,
Like butterflies upon the garden beds,
Nets of bright sound. I follow them: in vain.
I must not brush the least dust from their wings:
They die of a touch; but I must capture them,
Or they will turn to a caressing flame,
And lick my soul up with their flutterings.

The sounds torture me: I count them with my eyes, I feel them like a thirst between my lips; Is it my body or my soul that cries With little colored mouths of sound, and drips In these bright drops that turn to butterflies Dying delicately at my finger tips?

-ARTHUR SYMONS.

A RTHUR SYMONS, possessing the sensitive temperament of the poet, is troubled and exalted by the music of Chopin, Tschaikowsky, Wagner. He writes impressions of Ysaye and Pachmann in the London Academy, sensitive in feeling, large in meaning. I agree with him unreservedly on the subject of Pachmann-Vladimir of the simian gestures. Pachmann is easily the greatest interpreter alive of certain sides of Chopin music. He is not sentimental like Paderewski or brilliant like Rosenthal; and he has some of Joseffy's subtlety and Godowsky's power of digitation. Thompson calls him "prestidigious." He is more. He is poetic. I know that he does not seem to take himself or his so seriously as does Paderewski; neither has he that pianist's versatility. But he is a true Chopinist, and I do not care if he stands on his head, for he plays Chopin as does no other living The touch, the delicacy, the absolute finesse are overshadowed by something mysterious and temperamental; but there-I have been writing about Pachmann for ten years! Other virtuosi display more health, are less neurotic in their interpretations; but what have Chopin and a roast beef sandwich in common!

Pachmann's grimaces, absurd and disturbing as they are, seem to be the result of music mastering muscle. Like the river reed breathed upon by the great god Pan, Pachmann sounds his music quivering with ecstasy and pain. He makes queer faces. He also gibbers and squeaks, and anon he bays at his audience like a hound at the moon. Still am I undismayed. If it is a pose, then is the assumption of no pose also a pose. It is all a question of taste, and the critical writers of this community have rebelled at Pachmann. Yet Pachmann is the Chopin player by sympathy, style, intuition and nervous temperament. But as he does not take himself au grand seigneur, he has not won in the race for honors.

Let Mr. Symons be heard:

Chopin's music, unlike most other piano music, exists on terms of perfect equality with the piano. And Pachmann, unlike most other pianists, exists on terms of perfect equality with Chopin's music. I have heard pianists who played Chopin in what they called a healthy way. The notes swung, spun and clattered, with a heroic repercussion of sound, a hurrying reiteration of fury, signifying nothing. The piano stormed through the applause; the pianist sat imperturbably, hammering. Well, I do not think any music should be played like that, not Liszt even. Liszt connives at the suicide, but with Chopin it is a murder. When Pachmann plays

Chopin the music sings itself, as if without the intervention of an executant, of one who stands between the music and our hearing. The music has to intoxicate him before he can play with it; then he becomes its comrade, in a kind of very serious game; himself, in short, that is to say inhuman. His fingers have in them a cold magic, as of soulless elves who have sold their souls for beauty. And this beauty, which is not of the soul, is not of the flesh; it is a sea change, the life of the foam on the edge of the depths. Or it transports him into some mid-region of the air, between hell and heaven, where he hangs, listening. He listens at all his senses. The dew, as well as the raindrop, has a sound for him.

Pachmann gives you pure music, not states of soul or of temperament, not interpretations, but echoes. He gives you the notes in their own atmosphere, where they live for him an individual life, which has nothing to do with emotions or ideas. Thus he does not need to translate out of two languages: first, from sound to emotion, temperament, what you will; then from that back again to sound. The notes exist; it is enough that they exist. They mean for him just the sound, and nothing else. You see his fingers feeling after it, his face calling to it, his whole body imploring it. Sometimes it comes upon him in such a burst of light that he has to cry aloud, in order that he may endure the ecstasy. You see him speaking to the music; he lifts his finger, that you too may listen for it not less attentively. But it is always the thing itself that he evokes for you, as it rises flower-like out of silence, and comes to exist in the world. Every note lives, with the whole vitality of its existence. To Swinburne every word lives, just in the same way; when he says "light," he sees the sunrise; when he says "fire," he is warmed through all his blood. And so Pachmann calls up, with this ghostly magic of his, the innermost life of music. I do not think he has ever put an intention into Chopin. Chopin had no intentions. He was a man, and he suffered; and he was a musician, and he wrote music; and very likely George Sand, and Majorca, and his disease, and Scotland, and the woman who sang to him when he died, are all in the music; but that is not the question. The notes sob and shiver, stab you like a knife, caress you like the fur of a cat; and are beautiful sound, the most beautiful sound that has been called out of the piano. Pachmann calls it out for you, disinterestedly, easily, with ecstasy, inevitably; you do not realize that he has had difficulties to conquer, that music is a thing for acrobats and athletes. He smiles to you, that you may realize how beautiful the notes are, when they trickle out of his fingers like singing water; he adores them and his own playing, as you do, and as if he had nothing to do with them but to pour them out of his hands.

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Philip Hale pays a tribute to a musical comedian we all enjoyed a few years ago:

"Poor Alfred Klein! He is again in an asylum, although he was discharged six weeks ago as cured. He was a comedian of extreme limitations, but who can forget him as the elephanteer in 'Wang'? He said one word in that extravagant piece that haunts the memory. The word was heavy with associations; it was at once retrospective and alive with anticipation. When asked what he would take, he answered 'Beer.' But with what unction he uttered this simple, familiar word. He caressed it, until it melted in a refreshing stream. The beer was brought to him, and then the elephant drank it."

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Here is an extract from "Mary McLane of Butte: Her Book":

"I am a handful of rich, black mud—a fool- so of modern composers—always granting that woman, fool's mud. All on earth that I need to there are really a dozen composers alive to-day—

do is to lie still in the hot sun and feel the pig rolling and floundering and slushing about. It were folly to waste my mud-nerves in wondering. Be quiet, fool-woman; let things be. Your soul is a fool's-mud soul and is governed by the pig; your heart is a fool's-mud heart, and wants nothing beyond the pig; your life is a fool's-mud life, and is the pig's life. Something within me shrieks now, but I do not know what it is—nor why it shrieks. It groans and moans. There is no satisfaction in being a fool—no satisfaction at all."

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The majority will hardly agree with that last sentence,

The following was sent to the Academy on the subject of Mr. Quiller-Couch and the women authors: "Why is it that women are invariably generous in speaking of men's work? Indeed, but for women the phenomenal sales mentioned in advertisements would never be reached by any male novelist. Many women write reviews; the proud extracts quoted in publishers' circulars emanate, in many cases, from the poor little sex. When women writers are interviewed they do not seize the opportunity to attack the successful, if daring, books of, say, George Moore, Henry James, Marion Crawford or Hall Caine. The whole matter is childish, and would not deserve attention if it did not indicate the tenuity of artistic feeling in England. Books are now regarded in a commercial aspect only by most writers. What will pay? What will hit this, that or the other body of readers? What ending will 'they' like? What 'beginning' will catch their capricious attention? How much truth will they swallow? How grossly can life and humanity be vulgarly flattered? They do not want idealization; they want misrepresentation. Men, beyond doubt, are more theatrical than women in their novels. A great gift, in either sex, is always fearless: but among the 'selling second rate' it will be found that women write honestly, if badly, of what they know and feel; whereas men of the same literary rank indulge in stilted diction, melodramatic effects, sham sentiment, false refinement, labored, unreal emotionalism. The woman, therefore, commands a larger public. She is more sincere, and the great good sense of the common reader, heedless of style, responds to her undisciplined earnest-

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This term of warm weather has finally hatched out one of my youthful resolutions—that of starting a Liszt propaganda in these columns. I do not refer to Liszt the abbé, neither the virtuoso nor the producer of favorite pupils; but the Liszt the composer of great orchestral compositions.

Your smug concert audience will tell you that it knows Liszt; that he composed a lovely rhap-sody—themes hummed upon application—and an orchestral piece called "Preludes," the tune of which also can be safely carried home without breakage.

No one has the heart to chide the public for its musical ignorance—I least of all—and when I race through a collection of latter day orchestral programs I find Liszt regularly and conscientiously neglected. That an emotional conductor like Nikisch should fail to give a single one of his compositions house-room during an entire Berlin season seems strange. If this be a sign of willful omission, then Liszt needs champions.

There are those who deny to Liszt a place of prominence as a composer for the orchestra. They can be answered—if it be at all necessary to wage words with them—by referring them to the "Faust" Symphony. Behind the pattern of this huge melodic fabric one can easily tuck away a dozen or so of modern composers—always granting that there are really a dozen composers alive to-day—

and not expose enough of their musical carcasses for identification.

But a truce to preluding. Let me have as my subject "Ce qu'on entend sur la montagne," which I have been trying all these minutes to broach, and in the discussion of which I hope to arouse your enthusiasm for Liszt while selfishly trying to dissipate some of my own.

Liszt, originally the father of the symphonic poem form, is now many times the grandfather of it. He made the first successful efforts to divorce weighty musical utterance from the square-toed confines of the symphony. With him the experiment was a necessity, compelled as he was by the logic of his chosen subjects, and in the eager heat of youth he did not stop to ponder the problem before which he retreated in later life, awed either by age or his own previous daring.

more familiarly known, "Die Bergsymphonie"-is drum-which continues as a ground tone-the dif-

montagne." The subject is that of Nature's perfection contrasted to Man's misery:

Die Welt ist volkommen überall. Wo der Mensch nicht hinkommt mit seiner Qual.

Only when one withdraws from the hurdy-gurdy trend of life, only from the height of mountain does one see Truth in perspective. This is "What one hears on the Mountain."

> Zuerst vermorr'ner, unermess'ner Lärm, Undeutlich wie der Wind in dichten Bäumen, Voll klarer Tone, süssen Lispelns, sanft Wie'n Abendlied, und stark wie Waffenklirren.

Es war ein Tönen, tief und unausprechlich, Das flutend Kreise zog rings um die Welt Und durch die Himmel * * *

Die Welt, Gehüllt in diese Symp Schwamm wie in Luft, so in der Harmonie

This is the keynote to the introductory measures "Ce qu'on entend sur la montagne"-or, as it is of Liszt's work. Out of the sombre roll of the

There is a sudden pause, and in the succeeding Maestoso episode the second voice is heard-Nature's Hymn:

Der prächt'ge Ocean * * *

Liess eine friedliche frohe Stimme hören, Sang, wie die Harfe singt in Sion's Tempeln, Und pries der Schöpfung Schönheit.

Here there is composure and serenity, which diminishes to a tender piano in string harmonics. But in the woodwind a dissenting theme appears from time to time: Man and his torments invade this sanctity of peace. His cry grows louder, and one hears in it the anguish of the pursued one. The strings forsake their tranquil harmonics and resolve themselves into a troublous tremolo, while the clarinettes, in a new theme, question this intrusion. Meanwhile the misery of Man gains the upper hand, and in the following Allegro con moto there sounds all the fury of a wild chase:

Ein Weinen, Kreischen, Schmähen and Verfluchen Und Hohn und Lästerung und wüst' Geschrei Taucht aus des Menschenlärmes Wirbelwogen

The orchestra is in tumult, relieved only by the grell cry of agony coming from Man; even the sea theme is tossed about, and the Motif of Nature appears in mangled form. This fury lashes itself out by its own violence, and after the strings once more echo the cry of despair all is silent. Two light blows of the tam-tam suggest the fear which follows upon such a display of tempestuous terror.

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* * * warum man hier ist, was Der Zweck von allem diesen endlich, Und warum Gott * * * Beständig einet zu des Liedes Misston Sang der Natur mit seiner Menschen Schreien.

This "Warum" is asked dismally, and as an answer the theme of Nature reappears in its brightest garb. Question and answer succeed each other, and are stilled by the recurring cry of Man until a final "Why" is followed by a full stop.

The poet, weary of this restlessness, is searching for the consolation of quietude; and here-as might be expected of Liszt-comes the thought of religion shown by the Andante religioso. It is here, then, in the realm of religious peace that the two antagonistic voices are reconciled; they interweave, cross and are melted, one in the other.

This, the most intricate and longest part of the score, was employed by Liszt to show his instrumental mastery. The two principal themes-the two voices-are made to adjust with great skill, and are then sounded simultaneously to prove their striving after unity.

The poet is almost convinced of this equalization when, without warning and with the force of the full orchestra, brilliantly employed, a new theme appears. This is repeated with even greater frenzy of utterance, and usurps the theme of Man and that of Nature. The whole is the idea of Faith, at which the poet now has arrived. A deep satisfaction silences every sound—the clashing of the elements ceases and the last sigh breathes itself out. Once more the plaintive "Why" is heard, and resolves itself in a reminiscence of Man's fury. The trumpets quiet all by intoning that sacrosanct Andante religioso, which concludes in a mysterious chord through which the notes of the harp thread themselves. The theme of Nature's Hymn returns pizzicato in the basses, and is answered by harp arpeggios and chords in the brass. A few taps of the tympani, with which the composition ends, give the ring of finality.

Arthur Hahn believes that this symphonic poem offers a solution to the discord of the universe; that the ending with the two tympani taps and the hollow preceding chords suggest a possible return of the storm. Be this as it may, the actual beauty of the composition is not affected by it in the least. That

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was presented by him to Wilhelmj as alory verses run as follows:

ranked among the earliest of Liszt's works on these lines. I must clog your digestion with a few dates; they seem unavoidable in subjects of this kind. The first sketches of this symphonic poem were made as early as 1833-35, but they were not orchestrated until 1849, and the composition had its first hearing in Weimar in 1853.

A German enthusiast says this work is the first towering peak of a mountain chain, and that here already-in the first of the list of Symphonic Poems-the mastery of the composer is indubitably

The subject is not a flippant one, by any means: it touches on that mooted mystery, the relation of man to nature-das Welträtsel, as the Germans

Inspiration for this composition came directly from Victor Hugo's poem, "Ce qu'on entend sur la

ferent instruments assert themselves. Muted strings imitate the rush of the sea; horns and woodwind hint at the battling of elements in chaos, which gradually orders itself, while the violins and harp swerve peacefully aloft in arpeggios. The oboe chants "sanft wie'n Abendlied," the beautiful melody of peaceful idyllic nature. After this impression becomes a mood Liszt resumes the poetic narrative and individualizes the two voices:

Vom Meer die eine; wie ein Sang von Ruhm und Glück,

Die and're hob von uns'rer Erde sich, Sie war voll Trauer: das Geräusch der Menschen.

The voice of Man is the first to be heard. It obtrudes itself even while the violins are preaching earthly peace, and eventually embroils them in its cry of discontent. All this over the pedal point of wordly noises.

Liszt had his sketches in hand twenty years before the work was ready for performance, and that he revamped and altered it several times before it eventually was published-all this shows that the composition was under the scrutiny of an exacting eye for two decades.

"Ce qu'on entend sur la montagne" is an early, but not a youthful work. In it he already has sent the bonds of form flying to the winds-even more so than in some of his later compositions. There can be no doubt that he has located accurately the mood and has reproduced it with the license of a determined and thinking musician. . His thematic ideas are not mincing ones, and his curves are projected daringly from a point of melodic deliberation. Despite this careful planning-solely according to the architecture of the idea-and the amount of revision the composition was subjected to, it does not sound labored and stilted.

Already Liszt had bared his claws. How they must have torn the philistines of the early fifties.

NOTICE.

Musicians and people interested in musical affairs who are going to Europe can have all their mail sent, care of this office, and it will be forwarded to them. Musical people generally, who are visiting New York, or who are here temporarily, can have all of their mail addressed to them, care of this office, where it will be kept until they call for it, or redirected, as requested.

Becker's Pupils' Musicale.

USTAV L. BECKER closed the season of his pupils' musicales at I West 104th street with his seventh annual "young people's program," at which the numbers were given by pupils of teachers now studying with him. Evidently a pleasant rivalry exists between the teachers, which results in a program unusually well presented and full of interest. The children came from Paterson, Fishkill, Matteawan, Cold Spring, Jersey City, Brooklyn, Morristown and other neighboring towns, with a number from New York—nineteen in all. The assisting artist was Charles Drake, violin, a pupil of Claude Holding, who played a Faust fantaisie and Massenet's "Derniere Réve." The standard of excellence throughout the program, which included compositions for two pianos, was gratifyingly high, and Mr. Becker expressed his satisfaction at the showing of how the influence of his work was extending. Several of the teachers had appeared this season in Mr. Becker's series of recitals by advanced pupils. The morning was concluded by an informal reception. It was announced that Mr. Becker would come into town for one day a week through July to meet the demands of some of his pupils,

Percy Hemus in Scranton.

BARITONE HEMUS, of the Cathedral, brings this press notice from the Scranton Leader with him as of the rewards for his singing at Miss Freeman's

"Studio Club" concert recently:

This was the first opportunity that Scranton concertgoers have had to hear him, but his reputation had preceded him to an extent that caused his appearance on the stage to be looked for with eager expectancy. By the time his first group of songs had been rendered, comprising three most dissimilar ones, Schumann's "Ich that caused his appearance on the stage to be looked for with eager expectancy. By the time his first group of songs had been rendered, comprising three most dissimilar ones, Schumann's "Ich Grolle Nicht" and "Die Lotus Blume," and the Hungarian Korbay's wonderful, well known and spirit stirring "Had a Horse," the unanimous recognition of the audience was given to the fact that in Mr. Hemus Scranton was welcoming a marvellously gifted dramatic singer. His gifts, natural and cultivated, would assure to this young man a great career on the operatic stage. The impression he thus made deepened when, on redemand, he sang most tenderly and touchingly an exquisite "Cradle Song" of Ethelbert Nevin, and by his second group of daintiest "Love Songs," to old English, and one Irish tribute to a darling's charmer. For his final program number was set down "Edward"—that ancient Scotch hallad of terror and remorse, with its striking setting by Loewe. The crowded audience listened intent, as though the pitcous drama were enacted before them, and then, after taking breath, broke into a storm of applause. In answer to an insistent recall, Mr. Hemus responded with another lovely bit of Nevin's music, bringing the high tension of feeling down into a serence atmosphere.

HOCHMAN TO GO TO BERLIN.—Arthur Hochman, the oung Russian-American pianist, will sail for Germany, Tuesday, June 17. He expects to spend four months in d returns to New York in November to begin his



CINCINNATI, June 7, 1902

NE of the most interesting of the closing recitals of the College of Music was that on Tuesday evening in the Odeon, which presented the following program:

Piano—
Morning Serenade...

Gavotte in B major...

Mary Landell Trivett.

Voice, trio, Come, Then, and Join, from Leonora......M.

Kathryn Gibböns, Lillian Sutton and H. B. Taaffe ice—
Madrigal
A Song of Thanksgiving.
D. C. Pendery.

Violin, Concerto in G min

Voice, recitative and aria, Waft Her Angels, from Jephtha...Händel
H. B. Taaffe,
Voice, O Grant Me in the Dust to Fall, from St. Ludmilla...Dvorák
Kathryn Gibbons.

Arranged for men's voices by W. S. Sterling

The one pianist who appeared—Mary Landell Trivett—is a pupil of Ernest Wilbur Hale. While Mr. Hale has grown upon the community as a soloist and a musician of high ideals, the appearance of this pupil shed light upon him as a successful teacher. Miss Trivett manifested so much delicacy of touch, good taste and sense of values that a bright future may be assured her. Mr. Hale has the faculty of teaching his pupils the correct mode of expression and of bringing out latent talent. Seldom is a vio-lin pupil heard who is already an artist such as Ralph Wetmore, who played the Bruch Concerto, G minor, with a broad, clean tone and mature grasp of the subject. Miss Kathryn Gibbons, soprano, sang an aria difficult of inter-pretation from Dvorák's "St. Ludmilla" with remarkable purity of intonation, a beautiful, even register of tone and fine intelligence. Miss Lillian Sutton sang with undoubted dramatic expression the well-known aria from "Samson and Delilah." Edward Hartman, baritone, was heard creditably in the aria from "Tannhäuser." Other vocalists were H. B. Taaffe and D. C. Pendery. They are all pupils of the dean of the faculty, W. S. Sterling. A feature of the re-cital was the singing of the men's choruses. Good tone quality and expression were in evidence.



The annual organ recital by students of the organ department took place at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music on June 5

The following program was fully carried out before a very distinguished and enthusiastic audience:

Suite Gothique......Boellmann

John Hoffman.Widor

Miss Linda Wirt Lentz Perhaps never in the history of musical education in Cincinnati has such a program of classic organ literature been The two great Guilmant sonatas as played, respectively, by Miss Loretta C. White and Miss Linda Wirt Lentz, were notable for clearness of pedal technic, fluency of manual work and general poetic interpretation.

Miss Sampson played the difficult Bach D minor Fugue

and the Widor Scherzo with great intelligence and ease, while in the melodious "Suite Gothique" (Boëllmann) Mr. Hoffman showed a grasp of the composer's meaning and a fine sense of rhythmical values.

Miss Kate Morton Laxton, a young Southern girl, played two of the smaller Bach preludes and fugues in a most skillful manner

Arthur J. H. Barbour, the professor of organ, may feel proud of the artistic success of these young students in a program so exacting.

The organ department of the conservatory, already in a most prosperous condition under Mr. Barbour's careful direction, will almost double its capacity next season, with the advent of the grand organ which is being built for the beautiful new concert hall.

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The criticism of the late May festival programs by Rev. Peter Robertson, chairman of the clerical committee of the College of Music, which appeared in The Musical. COURIER, has caused a flurry of excitement in this city, as the following communication will show:

Editors Musical Courses:

The Commercial of June 1 contains unkind remarks about a certainly very kindly criticism on the May Festival programs sent by one of our local critics to The New York Musical Courses. The Commercial writer utterly fails to understand the point of The Courses critic, not only in the whole article, but also in the very sentences quoted in the Commercial, which point is plainly that while it is proper for Mr. Thomas to contrast the classic and the while it is proper for Mr. I homas to contrast the classic and the modern composers in the festival programs, only the best and most characteristic works of either class should be admitted to such great monumental concerts; where so much money, time, labor and talent are expended on the preparation and such great audiences are expected to assemble, not only from Cincinnati, but from all the characteristic works of either class should be admitted to such great monumental concerts; where so much money, time, labor and talent are expected on the preparation and such great audiences are expected to assemble, not only from Cincinnati, but from all the adjoining cities. The festivals are not ordinary, but very extraordinary concerts, and not only one program, but all the programs should be extraordinary also. This was the aim of the first great festivals, and gave them an international character, and it was impossible to accommodate the vast crowds that assembled to hear Händels' "Messiah" and "Te Deum," Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony" and "Missa Solennis," Bach's "Matthew Passion," Mendelssohn's "Ellijah" and the great symphonies of Beethoven and Mozart. The writer of this is very well aware that Theodore Thomas is personally a strict classicist and would keep the festival programs at the highest level always, if he always had his own way. Mr. Thomas has never hesitated to boldly avow his own convictions and feelings in this war for or against the great masters. Moreover, the popular verdict has always been on the side of Mr. Thomas, and the greatest works of the greatest masters. Witages the audiences at Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony," Bach's "Passion Music," Handle's "Israel in Egype" and, above all, Beethoven's "Missa Solennis." The vastest and most enthusiastic audiences ever gathered in Music Hall assembled on two consecutive evenings to listen to this sublimest music of the greatest master of the nineteenth century. Having carefully watched the history of these May festivals from the beginning, twenty-eight years ago, it may be confidently asserted that the more of ideal beauty and intellectual grandeur and religious sublimity there is in the program the larger and more enthusiastic the audience. Every serious student of these festivals knows this to be strictly true. Vet the little critics have barked and bitten at Theodore Thomas because of his selecting these colossal classic works, and have always

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the Cincinnati May feativals. On three of the featival program their palmiest days Schubert's Ninth Symphony in C major, thalmination of his genius by common consent, was the piece disstance. Yet the Commercial critic is ignorant of the existence of at most beautiful of modern symphonies.

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Georg Krueger, of the Conservatory of Music faculty, will give a piano recital at the Teachers' Convention, Asheville, N. C., June 19.

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Three entire acts-the third, fourth and fifth-of "Faust" were given on Monday evening, June 2, in the Auditorium before a large and cultured audience by members of Tecla Vigna's operatic class. The opera was well staged and costumed, the accompaniments being discriminately played by Miss Vigna herself, and the organ parts in the church scene by Mrs. Lillian A. Rixford. It would be unfair to criticise the performance from a professional standpoint, and yet much of it was more in the profes-sional than amateurish lines. The Marguerite of Ada Glasca was an exceedingly meritorious one, both as to conception and voice. The latter was admirably sustained especially in the garden scene and last act. Miss Dell Kendal as Siebel did so remarkably well that a future may be predicted for her. A handsomer Siebel it would be difficult to find or remember, and her voice—a rich, full mezzo-soprano-suited the part ideally. In the Flower ong and in the fourth act her interpretation reached a high standard. The best equipped voice of them all was that of Miss Charlotte L. Callahan, who gave a delightful presentation of Martha. William Rimanoczy had a good onception of Faust, and Glenn O. Friermood took part of Mephisto. R R

There were many recitals at the Conservatory of Music during the past week. On Tuesday evening a recital was given by Miss Lola Bell Harris, one of this year's graduates of the elocutionary department. She was assisted by Moir Bernheim in an interesting program.

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Miss Carrie Rieder, a pupil of Miss Frances Moses, as-sisted by Miss Daisy Mae Seiler, violin, and Miss Linda Wirt Lentz, organ, gave a recital on Wednesday evening, June 4, in the new Conservatory Concert Hall, presenting

| the following program: |
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| The Pinks in My Garden Presse |
| Du bist wie eine BlumeSchumani |
| WiegenliedBrahm |
| To Love, to SufferTirindell |
| At the Brook |
| Violin soli— |
| AppassionataTirindell |
| Cradle Song |
| The Sands o' DecClay |
| The Merry, Merry LarkNevir |
| Scherzo Valse (l'Estasi d'Amour)Badi |
| Violin solo, Hungarian RhapsodieNacher |
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Miss Meta Bairnsfather, a pupil of Theodor Bohlmann, was heard in a piano recital on Friday evening, June 6, in the Conservatory Concert Hall|

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An invitation recital of extraordinary merit was that of Miss Jessie Straus, a pupil of Adolf Hahn, violinist, in the Acolian Hall, Saturday evening, May 31. The following program was presented:

| Air and VariationsMoszkowski |
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| Aeolian pipe organ. |
| Concerto for violin, E minor |
| Songs- |
| Dear Love, When in Thine Arms |
| O Let Night Speak of MeChadwick |
| Mrs. Geeding, pianist, |
| Violin— |
| Serenade EspagnolePirani |
| Andante, from Suite, op. 26Ries |
| Romanza AndaluzaSarasate |
| Pianola- |
| Invitation à la ValseSchuett |

gs—
My Love's an Arbutus, Irish folksong......
Heigho! The Morning Dew, Irish folksong.
lin, Polonaise Brillante, D major......

Miss Straus has a vigorous bow and is brimful of ten erament and the passionate style of playing. She has before her a decedid future.

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On June 18, in the Scottish Rite Hall, Mrs. William McAlpin will present her pupils in the following program of operatic recital:

| SaffoPacini |
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| DuceMarie Hamel |
| Chinene |
| SaffoMary Rice |
| Der FreischützWeber |
| Scene and AriaJessie Langlands Thomson |
| MefistofeleBoîto |
| PantilisMary Rice |
| Helen of TroyMay Perin |
| Daughter of the Regiment |
| MarieElla May Bassett |
| Sergeant |
| Martha SceneFlotow |
| MarthaBessie Keith |
| PagliacciLeoncavallo |
| Scene and BallatellaJessie L. Thomson |
| The Little DukeLecocq |
| Act II. |
| ChanoisiesseMay Perin |
| Mlle, de la RocheBertha Calvert |
| Mlle, de ChamprertEugenia Pedretti |
| Mlle, St. AmandeAda Smith Wilson |
| Governess |
| Duchesse de ParthenayElla May Bassett |
| Duc de ParthenayNaomi Chapman |
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J. A. HOMAN.

AST autumn the New England Conservatory of Mu-L sic established a school of opera, under the direc-tion of Signor Oreste Bimboni, the well-known Italian conductor. At the end of the first season's work-that is, on May 23-a public performance was given in the Bost Theatre which both surprised and delighted the friends of the conservatory. An audience of 3,000 people assembled, nearly all of the leading musicians and teachers of the city being present, and it may be said there was not a dissenting voice as to the excellence of the work done and ounced success attained. On every side one hears the highest commendation, and to quote from a local critic:

the highest commendation, and to quote from a local critic:

The production in the Boston Theatre of grand opera by pupils of the New England Conservatory School of Opera marks an epoch in the musical history of Boston.

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Scenes, or entire acts, from six different operas were presented with elaborate costumes and scenery.

The program was: "Faust," Gounod, prologo, Louis Black and U. S. Kerr; "Favorita," Donizetti, duo, Act 1, Miss Edith Patterson and Frederick Day; "Lohengrin," Wagner, duo, Act 3, Miss Edith Ely and Mr. Black; "Aida," Verdi, duo and scena "Giudizio," Miss Mabel Stanaway, Mr. Day and Mr. Kerr; "Crespino e la Comare," Ricci, scena and duo, Miss Zelda Rotali, Miss Patterson and J. S. Codman; "Traviata," Verdi, Act 3, Miss Clara Sexton, Miss Eleanor Creden, Mr. Black, Mr. Codman and G. Y. Kells.

Of those who took part Mr. Kerr and Misses Rotali, Stanaway and Sexton were the winners of the opera scholarships offered by the conservatory.

While it was natural that some signs of nervousness should be shown, the performance steadily progressed in excellence, and though it lasted three hours no auditor departed before the final curtain.

The pupils showed a remarkable degree of training, not only in voice culture but in stage action, gesture, lyric expression and dancing; in fact, everything that goes to make up a successful opera singer.

pera singer. The performance e School of Opera ance was a triumph for Signor Bimboni, director of

whitney, at the head of the vocal department of the con-, and J. W. Goodrich also took an energetic part in the on, both with chorus and soloists. laurel wreath tied with purple was presented to Signor—Boston Advertiser. W. L. Wh

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The opinions of some of the leading musical people are as follows:

One of the best known of local teachers and critics said after the performance that he would not hesitate to place two of the women singers in leading roles of grand opera at once.

Samuel L. Studley, musical director with the Boatonians, declared that some of the voices are all ready for legitimate opera now. William T. MacDonald, the veteran baritone of the same company, clared that

said it was the finest exhibition of the kind by far that he had ever

said it was the finest exhibition of the kind by far that he had ever seen. He regarded it as full of brilliant promise for the future. Max Zach, the director of the "Pops," said he had applauded till he nearly raised blisters on his hands. "It's almost equal to the Vienna Conservatory," he added. He declared Signor Bimboni the best equipped man for the direction of the school that could be found in the world, and he predicted a great future for opera in America with such a school, particularly if we can have the added cultivation which frequent operatic performances in Boston, at popular prices, would furnish.

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Lothian and other musical authorities were equally e astic, and could not find words of praise strong enough for Sign Bimbons, in view of what he has accomplished in so short a time

Roston Globe.

The most finished performance yesterday was that of Violetta by Miss Sexton. Her voice is of exquisite quality and liberal range. She sang with ease, without any affectation; she phrased with intelli-gence and there was a personal charm, a force that vitalized her

gence and there was a personal charm, a force that vitalized her work.

Miss Stanaway was in many ways excellent as Amneris, although one had the feeling that she could have sung with still greater tonal strength. She has both the voice and the temperament for heroic parts, and this may also be said of Miss Ely, although her dramatic action yesterday was often singularly crude. Miss Rotali was vivacious and at case, and while her tones were not firm she sang fluently. Miss Patterson sang pleasantly, but the heroine of "La Favorita" should have a darker and more passionate voice.

Of the men, John Codman was easily first so far as ease of action was concerned, and he sang and played with much spirit. His voice is of excellent quality. Mr. Black and Mr. Day had no easy task. In the medium register his tones were smooth and eminently agreeable, and he often phrased with care; his higher tones were taken with an effort which, I believe, was unnecessary. Mr. Day was more than once effective in the scene from "Aida." Mr. Kerr has naturally a noble voice.

Mr. Bimboni, at the head of a full and unusually good orchestra, conducted with a skill, a refinement and a force that have been sadly missed here of late in performances of grand opera. Inexperienced and for the most part nervous singers increased the brilliance of his success. The theatre was crowded with an enthusiastic audience.

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servatory and Mr. Bimboni may be congratulated justly and ly on the results shown by the work of one season in this I for opera.—Philip Hale, in the Boston Journal, he Herald and Transcript had equally laudatory no-

tices, the unanimous verdict being-Success!

S. G. PRATT AT OCEAN GROVE.—The association at Ocean e announce the engagement of the pianist composer, Pratt, as the principal of the piano department of the Ocean Grove-Asbury Park Summer School of Music commencing July 7. A special course of methods of teaching and preparing teachers for pedagogical work, includ-ing Mr. Pratt's own method, practically applying harmony, chord and passage analysis to the study of piano music been arranged.

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JOHN YOUNG, Tenor.

JOHN YOUNG, who is now one of the leading tenors, entered the ranks of professional singers only last fall. Previous to that time he had been combining music with business, but as the demands for his appearance in concert and oratorio were so numerous he decided to devote all his energies to that field of work

Judging from the success he has had during the past season, it was evidently a wise decision. Possessing a voice of rare quality, a pure lyric tenor, and singing with much ease and repose, it is always a delight to hear him. "Quality' has been Mr. Young's chief aim. Those who have heard him realize that the voice possesses such carrying power that it is fully equal to all demands made upon The voice is constantly broadening and growing in power without losing any of its purity. Mr. Young feels that he owes much of his success to his teacher, Oscar Saenger, with whom he has been studying for the He has just closed a very busy season, past four years. although he still has several important engagements dur-ing this month. He has been engaged to sing for two weeks in July at Chautauqua, and will sing at Richfield Following are some of his recent Springs in August. criticisms:

The bright particular star was Mr. Young. He was suffering with an attack of tonsilitis last night, and in consequence did not sing the Prize Song from Wagner's "Die Meistersinger," substituting Gerrit Smith's "Her Rose" and Andrews' "Oh! For a Day of Spring," Mr. Young is a pure lyric tenor and is in every sense an artist. The memory will long dwell delightfully on his exquisite work. His songs were sung exquisitely, but it was his solo work in Dayid's "Desert" which gave him the salvos of the house. How delightful was the pure tenor tone in "O Night! O Lovely Night," and with what consummate art did he bring out the text. His pianissimos were truly art creations, while his lento chromatic, sung piano to pianissimo on the word fall in the "Chant of the Muezzin," was an artistic treat. No tenor heard in Trenton this season is comparable to Mr. Young. No one thought of his indisposition; it was not apparent in his work. His art covered it completely, and he delighted a great audience by highly artistic work. Mr. Young stands with the foremost in true tenor lyric work, and from that standpoint he is not open to criticsm.—Daily True American, Trenton, N. J.

The best tenor solo work heard in this city in a long time was given by John Young, who made his first appearance here. His singing was so genuine and beautiful that it will always be a most pleasing memory to those who were fortunate enough to hear him. The quality of his tones were of the highest, and he sang with a grace and feeling only heard from singers of the first rank. His control of his voice is marvelous, and all effort in this direction was so completely disguised by his art that it seemed the most natural thing in the world for him to interpret in sound everything possible in tenor work.

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At the opening of the concert it was announced that the selection which many were particularly desirous of hearing from Mr. Young, the Prize Song from "Die Meistersinger," would not be attempted on account of Mr. Young being a sufferer from tonsilitis for several days past. In place of this selection he gave Gerrit Smith's "Her Rose" and Andrews' "O! For a Day of Spring." Each song was given with a rare degree of perfection, and it appeared that the throat affection interfered but little with his work, and this was only noticeable at times in a caution not to overtax himself. However, the city can stand all the singers it can get with sore throats if they can sing as well as Mr. Young. His greatest work was in the production of the "Desert," where his three solos secured permanently his fame in this city.—Daily State Gazette, Trenton, N. J.

John Young, the tenor soloist, played a prominent part in the depicting of night on the desert. His singing of "O Night, O Lovely Night," was soulful in a high degree, and displayed exquisite purity of tone. His work in "Enchanting Night," with unison chorus, was even more pleasing, if possible, and when in the sunrise scene he sang the exceedingly difficult "Chant of the Muezzia," the audience, realizing that it was his final number on the program, gave a marked demonstration of its appreciation, to which the nature of the production did not permit him to respond.—Trenton Times, Trenton, N. J. e of the product

Mr. Young's tenor was one of the enjoyable events of the evening, he tenor announced on the program was taken suddenly ill the



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Mr. Young fully understands his art. His beautiful voice tells in ie "Persian Garden" numbers, and in the miscellaneous numbers articularly well.—The Daily Record, Morristown, N. J.

The feature of the evening was Mr. Young's singing. He has a coice of remarkable purity and brilliancy. He sings with much telling and expression, and delights his audience beyond measure. voice of remarkable purity feeling and expression, and Port Chester (N. Y.) Item.

In May Mr. Young sang the role of Granier at Providence, R. I., in Jules Jordan's romantic opera, "Rip Van Winkle." The first production of this work was by the Bostonians in May, 1898. Mr. Young's voice is well adapted to light opera, but though he has had several offers to enter the operatic field he prefers concert and



JOHN YOUNG.

oratorio work. We append some of the criticisms at Providence:

John Young, formerly a Providence favorite, but now of New York, has just the tenor voice that is wanted in the lyric role of Granier.—Evening Bulletin, Providence, R. I.

John Young's fine tenor voice served admirably in the roll Granier, the village lover of Minna, and his solos were much joyed.—Evening Telegram, Providence, R. I.

The part of Granier, a young villager in love with Rip's daughter, was well taken by John Young, who possesses a beautiful tenor voice of good range and well modulated.—Evening Times, Pawtucket, R. I.

Mantelli in Connecticut,

M ADAME MANTELLI is delighting the New England audiences. Since her concert in Hartford she has given recitals in Stamford. Appended are extracts from the Waterbury daily papers:

GREAT SINGER HEARD AT POLI'S.

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Madame Mantelli possesses a very beautiful, full mezzo soprano of such unusual flexibility that she executed the most daring virtuoso passages with wondrous ease and surety. Her technic is remarkable, her intonation true to a hair. The colorature in most of her selections came, figuratively speaking, like pearls from her lips; her cantilene and staccato were exceptionally fine. She shows the Italian method perfected to a high degree. Her program was made up almost entirely of operatic selections given in costume with dramatic action as well, and included Donizetti's "Favorita," a selection from "Mignon," the aria sung by Dalila to Samson in the opera by Saint-Saéns; Rubinstein's "Der Asra"; Rossini's "Una Voce Poco Fa," from the "Barber of Seville"; the charming "Carmen" song and "Song of a Summer Night," by Thomas. The costumes displayed by Madame Mantelli from the great Parisian modistes were gorgeous.—Waterbury Republican, June 3, 1902.

Madame's first number, "O Mio Fernando," from Donizetti's "La "avorita," showed passion and dramatic grandeur. Madame sings neostume, using facial expression and gesture, thus adding color, orce and characterization to the interpretation. The second number from "Mignon," "Connais Tu Le Pays," expressing the maiden's ender longing for her native land, was to many, although far from he most pretentious piece, the gem of the evening. The "Delilah" number is remarkable for its strength and rich coloring, while the endition of "Der Asra" was perhaps at her best when she essayed

the lively, shimmering Rossini music of the "Barber of Seville," singing "Una Voce Poco Fa." As Rosina she was convincing and fascinating. The great "Carmen" song was rendered with feeling and expression.

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In the songs Madame was exquisite, particularly in her rendition of the sprightly, dainty "April Rain" and the dramatic, tender "Without Thee," Mr. Pyck, at the piano, rendered several selections, which met with hearty applause.—Waterbury American.

HENRY I. KOWALSKY.

OL. H. I. KOWALSKY, whose picture appears on the front page of this issue, merits the attention of the musical and art world by reason of his being the promoter and author of the Mason-Metcalfe bills, now before the National Congress, for the establishment of a Na-tional Conservatory of Music and Art for advanced nupils. This project has already received attention in

Colonel Kowalsky was born in Buffalo, N. Y., and is Colonel Kowalsky was born in Bullato, N. 1., and is forty-two years of age. He has resided in San Francisco, Cal., for nearly thirty-five years, and is a prominent member of the legal profession. He has many friends among musicians and artists. He has met all men of note beonging to the musical world who visit the Pacific Coast, for his home was always open and welcome to them.

His interest in the establishment of a national conservatory is unselfish, and he has devoted many years in agitating the scheme, visiting Europe frequently for data a observing the situation personally. He has discussed the subject with many of our Congressmen and Senators. His firm friend in this plan was the late lamented President McKinley. He is determined in making this a sucess, and no labor is too arduous for him to perform in its accomplishment.

FRIEDA STENDER -Miss Frieda Stender, who has been kept exceedingly busy filling concert engagements, just returned to the city from a short tour to Connecticut. On solicitation of Will E. Taylor, organist of the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Flatbush, the young artist accepted the temporary position as soprano soloist at his church during June and part of September, to fill the temporary vacancy while Miss Bossert is abroad. Miss Stender did not wish to take a permanent church position, as she believes that it will interfere with her concert and orate work next season. She will spend July and August in the

MISS GOETZ CLOSES HER SEASON.-Margaret Goetz closed her concert season by singing for the Athena Club, Bayonne, N. J., May 23, and the Choral Society at Oyster Bay May 27.

During the past season Miss Goetz has given u sixty song recitals, twenty-one alone in Board of Education series in New York. She is now booking dates for next season beginning with a song recital in Cleveland. Ohio,

MME. DORIA DEVINE'S VACATION POSTPONED .- Owing to the unusually large number of pupils coming to New York expressly to study during the summer months with her, Madame Devine was obliged to forego a part of her vacation, and continue her teaching at her studio, 136 Fifth avenue, until August 15, when she will go to New Mexico.



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HE concert season was brought to a close by Wilma Norman-Neruda and Laura Rappoldi, who on April 30 gave their last subscriptio recital here. Three Beethoven sonatas, including op. 47. the "Kreutzer" Sonata, were on the program. Of the last mentioned it has been said that no living violinist, except Wilhelm, can do it full justice. And I believe it. The breadth of tone, the white heat of passion, the broad grasp and the virility of conception, such as the first movement demands, lies beyond the reach of a woman's

It is a glorious movement, this first part. My longing. however, to hear it as I dream it has not, as yet, been realized. Of the two artists in question, Frau Rappoldi this time came nearer perfection than her partner, whose chief feature is not grandeur and breadth of style, but soul, poesy and artistic impulse and temperament. Frau Rappoldi as an ensemble player did far better work than in the previous soirées, for she accommodated herself to her partner's conception, whereby a greater "oneness" of mind was achieved. Otherwise the performance was in every respect a finished one-beautiful

Pupils' performances now at the end of the season set in vehemently. There was among others one marked by excellent results. It occurred in the salons of Natalie Haenisch, who as usual had invited a selected audience to udge on the progress of her scholars' work. Miss Davie Lysaght's attractive presence and voice—a coloratura so-prano—drew the attention of the hearers. She sang the 'Sonnambula" aria in a way that promises well for the uture. Fraulein von Bosse, who sang compositions from Astorga and Thomas, owns a contralto that seems well adapted to interpretation of songs. She did her teacher much credit. And last, but not least, Fraulein Ernestine von Possart, daughter of Ernst von Possart, the Munich intendant, gave proofs of her decided talent and voice (a dramatic soprano) in the delivery of a Gluck and a "Figaro" aria and "Elsa's Dream," from Lohengrin. That "a true chip of the old block" was distinctly played in the way she acquitted herself of her task. This will soon be judged upon publicly, for Fraulein von Possart, I understand, has lately signed her agreements with the Cologne Opera. Suffice now to say that Fraulein Haenisch's authoritative opinion of her pupil is very faorable Natalie Haenisch, without doubt one of Dresden's first forces in the field of vocal training, thus shares in the young singer's success, which, considering the comparatively short time she has studied, is quite re markable. It was only in January that the young lady came here to solicit the instruction of our esteemed singing maëstra, who, recognizing her talent, accepted her directly, having all since devoted special care to her studies.

The program of the musicale finished, Fraulein Hae-nisch's guests, pleasantly chatting over a cup of tea and other refreshments, delighted in an animated social gathering, consisting of prominent artistic personalities, all of them apparently enjoying themselves in the refined at-mosphere of her cozy home, where we for so many a year running spent pleasant hours in the company of rend Rubinstein's massive head loomed up in my musicians. memory, such as I saw him last, standing in the midst of

Frau Krebs-Michalesi's imposing presence the listeners. I also remember. These and many others were missing now, and missed—Tempi passati. There was instead a new set of artists, represented by the younger generation, with Dr. Rabl, from the Court Opera, at their head. He played the accompaniments skillfully

A Dresden daily paper lately noticed the appearance of a new operatic work termed "Theodor Körner," by an Italian composer, Stefano Donaudy, of Naples, which will be brought forward in Hamburg next season. The title interested me so much that I obtained the libretto in German translation, which gave me great pleasure. It reads eautifully. Parts of it-see, for instance, page 29, love duet and following-are genuine poetry betraving the hand of a master. The opera, on account of its sub-ject, claims attention here, for Dresden is the birthplace of Theodor Körner, whose short and dazzling career seems to have provided both librettist and composer with mple material for a worthy treatment of the great poet's life story.

An opera it is not entitled, but "a biographical action in four parts." The scenes, to judge from the mere reading of the text book, are well contrasted, treating the hero as a poet, a lover and a soldier, who fell fighting for the rights of his fatherland in 1813. All the characters are historical portraits drawn with talent. The two contrasting figures, Toni Adamberger and Theodor Körner, very vigorously traced, stand out prominently like living pictures. The scenes of the various acts are laid to Vienna, Dresden (Loschwitz), Breslau and the battlefield at Rosenberg. It remains to be seen whether the scenic effect and the mu-sic will realize the expectations raised by the book. It has a pretty exterior, a cover in the German colors, white, red. black, and is adorned with all sorts of emblems and picture of the title hero. Louis v. Selar, of Berlin, is the

An esteemed member of the American colony here, musician and connoisseur, requests me to mention the pupils' recital, which he attended, of Miss Riedel, a native American, who is reported to have had much success with her concert. According to Mr. S---- "Miss Riedel's pupils did very well, showing their teacher's serious endeavors. What struck the audience most was a very clear intonation, especially noticeable in Miss Anna Pfennig's performance, but even more so with Lynda Adams, a young lady of decided talent and already an accomplished pianist. laurels of the evening were carried by the profession Mr. Metzler and Köhler, as well as by Miss Margarete Bruck, the well-known contralto, who rendered her songs admirably." So far the writer of the letter So far the writer of the letter. From the program I see that compositions were given by Glinka, Bach, Mozart, Löw, Grammann, Hartmann, Sieberg (songs), Richter, Hummel, &c.

News comes from Helsingfors, Finland, of Miss Mary Münchhoff's sensational success there. She gave several recitals before crowded houses. The Dresdner Anzeiger, of April 29. gives full and particular account of the latest occurrences in the northern capital, where April 9, Elias Lönnrot's birthday, the inauguration of the new Finnish national theatre (Kansallis Teaatteri) took place. Exclusively patriotic and national productions given on the occasion such as a dramatic poem by Erkko. Kivi's "Lea." and compositions from Sibelius, Melartin and Järnefelt. Great enthusiasm prevailed. Some weeks previous a new symphony by Sibelius (D major) was brought out by the Philharmonic Orchestra. Mozart's grand Mass in Alois Schmitt's version was also performed in the Finnish capital.

But to return to Dresden, there occurred several ing performances at the Court Opera. "Hamlet," by A. Thomas, was restudied. Of this interesting and successful evening I shall report at length in my next. There is also

onservatory opera representation to be chronicled.

Tristan," with Frau Reuss-Belce as Isolde, will be 'Tristan."

given next Saturday. This is good news.

The Stuttgart opera ensemble will perform here at the Court Opera beginning of July. "Manon Lescaut," among other works, is said will be produced here by this company. A. INGMAN

OLEV SPEAKS

O LEY SPEAKS gave a "May Musicale" in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium of Columbus, Ohio, on Tnesday evening, May 27, which proved to be one of the most interesting musical events given in that city this season. The talented composer-singer was assisted by Miss Ethel Crane, of New York; Miss Alice Speaks and Jackson Gregg, with Miss Emma Ebeling as accompanist. The first part of the program, which we print below, consisted of songs by Mr. Speaks exclusively, the second part being devoted to a rendition of "In a Persian Garden." The following compositions by Mr. Speaks were sung:

Shepherd! See 'Thy Horse's Foaming Mane. Under the Rose. When Mabel Sings Mr. Speaks. Kiss Me. Sweether When Gazing in Thine Eyes So Dear, The Elder Blossom. Miss Crane.

In Circe's Garden Mr. Speaks Eyes of Blue The Lost Flower. April Rain. Miss Speaks. Go, Pretty Rose.

Go, Francisco, Long Ago.

Mr. Gregg. Mr. Gregg.

If You Become a Nun, Dear.
Thou Gazest on the Stars.
In May Time.
Mr. Speaks.

The daily papers, from which the following extracts

The daily papers, from which the following extracts are taken, were unanimous in praising the concert: It was in a dual capacity that Mr. Speaks was on trial at his recital last evening. Both as a composer and interpreter of his own songs was he heard and enjoyed. Mr. Speaks sang splendidly. The benefit of the fine training he has had is clearly evident. The first part of the program consisted of sixteen songs of his own composition. Naturally the composer could best interpret his own thoughts, particularly when he is gifted with such a voice as is Mr. Speaks.—Columbus (Ohio) Citizen.

May Musicale given by Oley Speaks Tuesday evening was f the most successful events of the season. He had a very

one of the most successful events of the season. He had a very large and cultured audience.

The first part of the program was made up of his own compositions entirely. The song which made the success of the evening was "In May Time," which he was obliged to repeat. His talent as a composer is being rapidly recognized, and his songs are in great demand all over the country.

Mr. Speaks' voice and style show great improvement since his last appearance here.—Columbus (Ohio) Press.

A fine audience gave an enthusiastic welcome to Oley Speaks as he stepped upon the stage last Tuesday night to begin a program of sixteen songs of his own composition.

The songs are all melodious, attractive and extremely singable. Mr. Speaks gave eight of them, returning to repeat "In May Time," which seemed to make the hit of the evening.

Mr. Speaks' excellent voice, with its resonant and finely sympathetic timbre, seems to find its way easily to the heart of his listeners. His singing is really admirable, his tone often of subtile and delicate quality, and yet full of the simplest melody. It is all the more enjoyable when you know how carefully he studies the text of his songs to create out of the words a musical atmosphere to the poem.

hem. His voice is free, flexible, and he sings with a style and sme ress that places him among the best basses in the country,— olumbus (Ohio) State Journal.

Columbus (Ohio) State Journal.

The Oley Speaks musicale on Tuesday evening was an excellent example of a good thing "well pushed along." Mr. Speaks deserves to win on his merits, which are undoubted; but his friends and admirers had taken up the matter with such energy and success that the hall was filled with an audience that may fairly be called brilliant, and which would have gladdened the heart of any professional soloist in the country.

The first part of the program consisted of sixteen songs of Mr. Speaks' own composition. Several of these songs have been well established in popular favor, and others were heard for the first time. It may be said that Mr. Speaks' muse sings in no obscure strain. He writes simply and fluently, and always has the singer well in mind. To the quality of Mr. Speaks' voice and his thorough mastery of its capabilities we must award the usual annual note of admiration—it is increasingly strong, smooth and flexible.—Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch.

The latter part of our musical season has been prolific in good concerts, and among these a high place must be accorded to Oley Speaks' May musicale last Tuesday evening. The talented composer-singer was assisted by Miss Ethel Crane, of New York, and Miss Speaks, Miss Ebeling and Mr. Gregg, of Columbus. It

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LOUDON G. CHARLTON, CARNEGIE HALL. is not surprising that these compositions of Mr. Speaks are in such demand, as they reveal a decided gift for graceful and piquant melody, besides being eminently vocal. Of the songs presented "The Elder Blossom" is, in the writer's opinion, distinctly the most artistic. This is a charming song; it has style, originality and fits the text like a glove. Mr. Speaks has never been heard to greater advantage than at this musicale. His voice and art have steadily improved, and his singing was thoroughly enjoyable. He was at his best in his first song, "Shepherd, See Thy Horse's Foaming Mane," a vigorous setting of the dramatic words from the Hungarian, well fitted to display the volume and range of his voice and his excellent method. Among the most artistic bits of the evening must be mentioned Mr. Speaks' singing of the cynical and caustic verses, "Myself When Young,"—Columbus (Ohio) Press.

C. Virgil Gordon's Recital.

THE playing of Laura Race, pupil of C. Virgil Gordon, on Tuesday evening, June 3, at the Virgil Piano School, 29 West Fifteenth street, was an achievement of which both pupil and teacher may be proud. Miss Race was assisted by Mr. Albertus Shelley, violinist.

This recital was a fitting close to the series of successful recitals which Mr. Gordon has been giving during the past few weeks. The marked advance in Miss Race's playing over former occasions and her rapid progress were generally commented upon by those who have fol-lowed her career in the school. For her opening numbers she chose the Bach Gavotte in E major, "Prelude and the Scherzo in E major by Mendelssohn, all which were played with tonal and musical effect as well as accuracy, the Mendelssohn number especially being played which that elfish and fairylike spirit which this composition particularly demands. Miss Race opened her second group with the Beethoven Sonata, op. 27, No. 2, and she deserves credit for her performance of this difficult work. The "Gondolicra," by Liszt, which followed, was beautifully interpreted, as was also "Am Genfer See," by Bendel. Her reading of the Chopin Waltz in E minor brought her an encore and several bouquets of flowers. This young player possesses a splendid technic, having a velocity of nearly 1,200 notes a minute. The closing group included the "Elegie," by Nollet, which was given with delicious tone coloring and feeling, and the "Shadow Dance" of MacDowell was played with all the piquant to the program was the "Soiree de Vienne, No. 8," by Schubert-Liszt, which was given with much spirit.

Mr. Shelley's numbers, a "Caprice," by Bohm, and "Hejre Kati," by Hubay, were played with true artistic

Yvonne de Treville.

THE cable announces the complete success of Yvonne de Treville in "Lakmé," at the Paris Opéra Comique.

CALTHROP SINGS.—Everard Calthrop, the tenor of the Watertown festival, also of the West End Collegiate Church, sang at the last of the series of musicales given by Mr. and Mrs. John Dennis Mehan, of Carnegie Hall. The Mehans have met with phenomenal success in this, their first season in New York, and this musicale demonstrated the superiority of some of their pupils' singing. Mr. Cal-throp sang numbers by Schubert, Schumann, Caldera, Bizet, Harriet Ware and Wm. Berwald, and most successfully, for he has a voice of rare powers of expression.

MARIE CROSS-NEWHAUS.-Mme. Marie Cross-Newhaus sails next week for Paris, where she will spend the summer in work on the latest interpretations of French music, and bringing home with her many unique features. In July she will give a recital in Paris under the auspices of Countess de la Hault and Madame Blanchard, both well known as great patrons of art. In September she goes to London, where she will be the guest of the American Women's Club by invitation of the president, Mrs. Hugh Griffin, resuming her New York classes October 1.

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA.

OHN PHILIP SOUSA has sent to England a J commissioner bearing a unique gift to King Edward VII. This present consists of an artistically ornamented case of royal purple leather, containing a copy of Sousa's latest march, "Imperial Edward." The music has been



JOHN PHILIP SOUSA.

copied by F. A. Neubauer, a Cincinnati artist, who also did the work of designing and lettering the case. music is copied with India ink on white parchment, which is richly illuminated with heraldic devices. The lettering is in gold—solid gold characters raised. The name of the march is worked in colors, with a crest and monogram. The lock and key are made of pure gold, and the word "Rex" is worked on the handle. Every detail of the work is artistic in the extreme, and the gift will doubtless be received gratefully by the King. It is indeed a royal

On the arrival in London of Mr. Sousa's special co missioner the gift will be placed in the hands of the Duchess of Manchester, who has promised to present it to King Edward. The presentation will be made the day following the coronation, and soon thereafter the "Imperial Edward March" will be played by the bands which are in London to take part in the fêtes connected with the coronation. The march will not be played in England, nor will it be offered for sale there, until the formal presentation shall have been made.

"Imperial Edward" has already been fully described in these columns. It is a grand march, molded in a large form, and, played by such a band as Sousa's, should prove very effective. It was played for the first time in Canada eral weeks ago, when Sousa's Band was making a tour through the Dominion. It was heard by an immense crowd and was received with enthusiasm. was again played Decoration Day to 75,000 people at Willow Grove, and at every concert since then has been given to enormous audiences, which have demanded two and three repetitions. Mr. Sousa himself regards "Im-

perial Edward" as one of his best marches. A. F. Adams. the manager of the music department of the John Church Company, who has gone to London to look after the distribution of the march, declares that the first day it was placed on sale in New York, a short while before parture, the sales footed up over 30,000 copies. Mr. Adams predicts that it will prove a better seller than any of its predecessors

Sousa's Band has been playing daily at Willow Grove since May 30. This engagement will close next Sunday, when the band will go to Atlantic City, to remain there until September 1. The success of the engagement at Willow Grove has been extraordinary. Very lar have daily visited that resort to hear the band. Very large crowds

So marked has been the success of Sousa's first novel, "The Fifth String," that the publishers who brought it out insist upon the "March King's" writing another romance. As busy as he will be this summer, Mr. Sousa doubtless will find time to complete another book before

State Music Teachers' Meeting, June 24-27,

FOLLOWING is a partial list of participants at the Newburgh meeting of the New York State Music

Teachers' Association, June 24 to 27, 1902:
Sopranos—Mrs. Haughey, Miss Ethel Crane, Mrs. Jacobus, Mrs. Orie K. Taylor, Babetta Huss.
Altos—Dorothy Taylor, Florence Mulford Hunt.

Tenor—Leo Liebermann. Baritones and basses—Preston Ware Oram, Charles G. Wolsey, Robert Olmst Hemus, Dr. Carl Dufft, Robert Olmstead, Clifford A. Wiley, Percy

Pianists—Carrie Hirschmann, Miss Whitney, Margue-rite Stilwell, Madame Pupin, Henrietta Scholder, Henriette Weber, William H. Sherwood.
Organists—J. Warren Andrews, S. Archer Gibson

Violinists-Geraldine Morgan, George Essigke, Claude Trevlyn.

mposers-Henry H. Huss, Preston Ware Oram, Arthur Farwell.

Essayists—Fannie Edgar Thomas, Arthur Farwell, Perley D. Aldrich, Sylvester Holdridge, William G. Stew-

Trio Club-The Mendelssohn Trio.

Choral Societies—The Poughkeepsie Choral Club, Geo. Gow conductor (women); the Euterpe Glee Club Macpherson conductor; the Festival Chorus, Louis A. Russell conductor.

There will be a banquet open to all members Monday evening at 8, and a reception after the Tuesday evening concert. Wednesday afternoon at 4 an excursion to Mt. Beacon, near Fiskill, a beautiful elevated spot; round trip. 45 cents. Anyone can join this association by remitting \$2 to any of the vice-presidents or to the secretary, of whom further information may be obtained. F. W. Riesberg, secretary, 954 Eighth avenue, New York,

J. WARREN ANDREWS .- J. Warren Andrews will teach one day of the week at Gloucester, Mass., leaving July t for his summer home, Camp Minneapolis, near Gloucester. Several city pupils and some of the professional organists of that vicinity will study with him.

J. HARRY WHEELER.—J. Harry Wheeler has been engaged as voice examiner at the Toronto Conservatory of Music, going there for a short stay June 17. Wm. H. Sherwood is the piano examiner.

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The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Fred A. Brown; vice-president, Robt. Hood Bowers; secretary, H. Robert Barlow; treasurer, Guy Girard Ellis; librarian, Antonio Fiosolono; warden, David Linneen. Mr. Bowers was elected national governing committeeman.

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Wm. A. Howland, the baritone of the Baker forces, is to sing at the commencement exercises of the Perdu University at Lafayette, Ind., June 8, and will sing in Mendelssohn's "St. Paul" at Battle Creek, Mich., June 10. Mr. Howland will leave for his summer home at Martha's Vineyard, on the Atlantic Coast, on June 13. Mr. Howland has had a busy season this year, and will doubtless be in considerable demand next season.

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The examinations in the various departments of the American Conservatory took place during the past week, and proved most satisfactory to the management and faculty, showing an unusually high degree of scholarship and excellence in studies. The post-graduating class thirty-one, the teachers certificate class fifty-four, and the academic class twenty. The public prize contests at Kimball Hall on Saturday, May 31, attracted large and interested audiences. Four of the post-graduates gave short piano recitals, the programs of which are appended:

| SATURDAY, MAY 31, AT 11:30 |
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| l'astorale | | | | Scarlatti |
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| Rondo in | G maj | OF | | Beethoven |
| The Lark | | | | Balakireff |
| Concertstü | ick, op. | 33 | | Reinecke |
| | | Miss | Alice Shonk, | |

SATURDAY, MAY 31, AT 12 M.

| Toccata | Paradisi |
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| Sonata, | op. 53 (first movement)Beethoven |
| On the | Mountains, op. 19, No. 1Grieg |
| Concerto | A minor (first movement)Schumann |
| | Miss Clara II Mills |

SATURDAY, MAY 31, AT 1:30 P. M.

| Kings' Hunting JigJohn Bull |
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| Sonata, C major (first movement)von Weber |
| Scherzo, B minor, op. 20Chopin |
| Concerto, C minor (first movement) |
| Miss Lola Funkhouser. |

SATURDAY, MAY 31, AT 1:50 P. M.

| Gavotte in D minor | Bach |
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| Sonata, op. 31, No. 2 (first : | novement)Beethoven |
| Air and Variations | Paderewski |
| | vement)Chopin |
| Mi | ss Ella Mills. |

In the other grades concertos were played. The vocal contest took place in the afternoon. Altogether the result was most gratifying to the management and friends of the conservatory.

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The Chicago Auditorium Conservatory has organized a department for physical culture and gymnastics under the direction of Ivan Malchin. Captain Malchin is conducting summer classes in fencing.

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A brilliant piano recital was given in Milwaukee on Monday evening. June 2, at the studios of the Milwaukee branch of the Sherwood Music School, by William H. Sherwood and Miss Georgia Kober. A large and musical audience assembled, notwithstanding the stormy night. Of the performance the Sentinel, of Milwaukee, said:

"The piano recital by W. H. Sherwood and Miss Georgia Kober at the Alhambra Building last evening attracted a large number of music lovers and friends of the eminent artist, who was heard in a number of selections from the works of Händel, Chopin, Schumann, Liszt and other composers. He also played the orchestral portion of the concertos for Miss Kober, who opened the program with a brilliant performance of Godard's A minor Concerto, while the elements supplied an extemporized accompaniment outside. The concerto was followed by Mr. Sherwood's performance of Chopin's Ballade in G minor and the Grand Polonaise in A flat, and Liszt's transcription of Chopin's setting of a Polish song. 'My Joy,' the latter with refinement and delicacy, while the Polonaise was played with stately grace and virile vigor. Mr. Sherwood also played the Liszt E flat Concerto with Miss Kober as accompanist. The young lady, a pupil of Mr. Sherwood, has succeeded in acquiring a good technic, together with an unusually delicate and musical touch, and her work in the Litolff Scherzo, from the Concerto No. 4. was excellent. She seems to possess a genuine musical temperament."

"The Gospel in Great Oratorios, Musically Illustrated," has been a feature of the Sunday evening services at St. James' Methodist Episcopal Church for several Sabbaths past, May 11 being the initial evening of the musical services, at which time Mendelssohn's compositions were given by the tenor and director, Henry Willis Newton, and his solo singers—Miss Elizabeth Elliot Dunlap, soprano; Miss Marie White Longman, contralto; W. C. Williams, basso—with a vested chorus of thirty trained voices. St. James' has the unique distinction of being the first Methodist church to use this form. It is superfluous to add that these musical services have augmented Mr. Newton's prestige. He has had the close sympathy and able assistance of the pastor, Camden M. Cobern, D.D.

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The closing exercises of the dramatic department of the American Conservatory will take place Wednesday evening. June 11, at Steinway Hall. On Saturday, June 14, a reception will be tendered to the graduates and faculty by John J. Hattstaedt.

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Miss Helen Buckley has met with uninterrupted success in her spring engagements, the local press wherever she has appeared speaking in enthusiastic terms of the popular soprano's voice and method. Miss Buckley's engagements for the past week were June 3 to 7, the Hutchinson, Kan., music festival; 7th, Grinnell, Ia.

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J. Allen Preisch and Aida Hemmi, of the School of Opera faculty, Chicago Conservatory, will present the "Tomb Scene," from "Aida," at the Masonic Temple early in July.

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Harry J. Fellows, the eminent tenor, has signed with Chas, R. Baker for the coming year. The past season Mr. Fellows was a member of Miss Leonora Jackson's company, and scored great success wherever he appeared. Grace Whistler Misick, the contralto, has also placed her concert business in Mr. Baker's hands.

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The American Conservatory commencement concert and exercises will take place Tuesday afternoon, June 17, at the Studebaker.

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Robert Stephens, of the piano department of the Chicago Conservatory, will give a Brahms' recital June 12, one of the leading selections being the Concerto, op. 83, B flat major.

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Miss Emma Kapf, pupil of Albert E. Ruff, sang the Shadow Song, from "Dinorah," with great success at the concert given by the Baron Hirsch Jewish Society for the Home of the Friendless at the North Side Turner Hall, Sunday evening. June 1. This young woman possesses a remarkable high colorature soprano.

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The Chicago Musical College will hold its thirty-sixth annual commencement exercises June 17 in the Auditorium. The winners of the highest awards in the diamond medal competition will furnish the program, which will be as follows: Miss Lassagne will play the first movement of the Rosenhain Concerto. op. 73; Miss Tillie Rose, the new Concertstueck, by Rudolph Ganz; Julius Marks, Grieg Concerto, op. 16. The violin numbers will be furnished by Emma V. Anderson and Carl F. Steckelberg, who will play, respectively, Bruch Concerto, op. 26, and "Zigeunerweisen," Sarasate. Miss Roa Eaton will sing "Fruehlingsstimmen," Strauss, and Karl Cochems, "Dio Possente,"



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Dr. Odell Weaver, of Terre Haute, Ind., was in Chicago on Wednesday and Thursday relative to placing his opera, "The Prince Consort."

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Walter Keller, of the organ department of the Chicago Auditorium Conservatory, gave an organ dedication June 6 at Portsmouth, Ohio.

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William W. Kennett will keep his studio open daily during the summer for class and private instruction.

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The Chicago Auditorium Conservatory will give a pupils' recital the afternoon of June 7.

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Miss Fannie Hiatt Dutton passed away April 12, near Redlands, Cal., where she had been for the past year hoping to regain health and strength. Mrs. Dutton was a woman of unusual character and beloved by all who were fortunate enough to come under her influence. Her musical gifts were of the highest order, and she was recognized as one of the leading young planists of Chicago. She was for many years a member of the faculty of the American Conservatory of Music. She leaves a husband and two sons.

Miss Helen Hall, the popular contralto, of Minneapolis, has decided to make Chicago her home. Miss Hall, in company with her teacher, Fraulein Schönrenne, will d the summer months abroad, returning in time for the beginning of the autumn musical season.

Carrie Bridewell, the noted contralto of the Grau Opera Company, has been heard in song recital in many Southern cities since the close of the opera season, singing with great success in Dallas, San Antonio and Houston and at Selma, Tuscaloosa and Anniston, Miss Bridewell is now resting at her home in Birming-ham, Ala., and will go to Peoria, Ill., on June 20 and 21 for the Northwestern Saengerfest. Miss Bridewell will make an extended recital tour of the principal Southern cities, beginning late in September, completing the trip before the opening of the Metropolitan Opera season.

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Chas. R. Baker's list of artists for the coming season will include the following: Wm. H. Sherwood, pianist; Carrie Bridewell, the celebrated contralto of the Grau Opera Company; Electa Gifford, soprano; Mabel Geneva Sharp, the well-known Western soprano, of Chicago; Grace Whistler Misick, contralto: Harry J. Fellows, tenor; William A. Howland, baritone, and E. Russell Sanborn, organist. Miss Mary Tracy, of Chicago, will act as regular accompanist for Mr. Baker's artists.

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Miss Gifford will sail June 10 from San Francisco for her fifteen weeks' tour in Australia. She will return to America the last week in November and probably be heard in a series of joint recitals in California early in



The closing exercises of the year at the Sherwood Music School will take place at Music Hall, Fine Arts Building, on Thursday afternoon, June 12, at 2:15 o'clock, when the



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graduates and most advanced pupils of the school will be heard. An attractive program has been arranged, and, as usual with the Sherwood recitals, a large crowd is expected to be in attendance.

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By special arrangement with the management of the Theodore Thomas Orchestra, Dunstan Collins announces a four weeks' tour by that organization, under the leader-ship of Frederick A. Stock, assistant conductor, starting March 31, 1903, after which tour the orchestra will play five solid weeks of May festivals.

Sydney Biden will oppear in recital in Rochester, N. with Mrs. Julie L. Wyman, on June 14.

ERNST AND ERNESTINE.

LFRED ERNST, conductor of the Choral-Symphony Society, is preparing for a visit to the Vaterland. He sails immediately after the concert to be given soon, for the benefit of the society of which he is the musical director, and on his arrival in Germany it is his intention to proceed at once to the home of Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, the eminent operatic contralto. These in-teresting facts have been published in the local news-These inpapers, together with some even more interesting detail regarding Mr. Ernst's movements while abroad. while this story, and especially the detail, proved to be diverting and mirth provoking to his St. Louis friends, it had a very different effect upon Madame Schumann-Heink. The gifted lady communicates to the Mirror that she is indignant, furiously indignant, about the whole affair. She promises that when Mr. Ernst raises the latch of No. 1 Meisnerstrasse, in the little village of Kotzchenbroda, near Dresden, where dwells the great singer, with Schumann and the eight pledges of her love for him, the St. Louis musician will meet with a very warm recep-The cordiality that he anticipates may be lacking in his welcome, but Frau Schumann says it will be quite effusive, even demonstrative. Mr. Ernst, declares the lady, has misinterpreted, unwittingly perhaps, but none the less flagrantly, the courtesy an appreciative artist shows a good accompanist, and has allowed a highly colored, distorted version of a simple invitation given him call at the Schumann home to find its way into the public prints-hence her righteous wrath.

It appears that, at the meeting of the Artists' Guild, at which the celebrated painter, Verestschagin, and several local musical luminaries were the guests of the Guild, Mr. Ernst, in a violent fit of enthusiasm over himself, occasioned by the approbation accorded his talk on "Par-

became quite genially confidential

He told the members and their guests that on his return from his impending visit to Europe he would be even better qualified to talk on the great Wagner music drama Madame Schumann-Heink, he than he is at present. reported to have said, had pressed him to visit with her and her interesting family at her castle, and also to accompany her to Bayreuth for the opera season, the eminent contralto being desirous of presenting him to Mme. Cosima Wagner, with a view to his conducting at the Bayreuth Opera House.

For this, the motherly Ernestine, like Sairey Gamp, 'morally and physically " rises and denounces him. She possesses no castle, writes she, only her "Villa Tini, modest little home, for herself, her Schumann, and eight olive branches, and at this abode of bliss Mr. Ernst has been invited to call, should he find himself in the cinity of Kotzschenbroda. As for Bayreuth-never! Madame will stand sponsor for no conductors-not even one so eminent as the director of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra-nor will she present one to her friend Cosima Wagner. Once upon a time the good hearted singer introduced to Cosima a musical acquaintance-a celebrated American critic-who enjoyed the hospitality of the widow of the great composer, and upon his return to these shores proceeded to "roast" Cosima, the opera and Bayreuth, in a series of articles written for the journal by which he is employed. When Frau Wagner read these accounts of her beloved Bayreuth, and traced them to their source, she reproached Frau Schumann-Heink bitterly, and Ernestine has profited by the unpleasant experience. She declares that Mr. Ernst must have dreamed these coming honors.

And meantime, "out here" in St. Louis, Mr. Ernst puffs his pipe, and sees himself the honored guest of the great singer; sees himself wandering hand in hand with Ernestine to Bayreuth; sees Cosima open her arms and fold him to her "heaving-with-emotion" bosom, pressing into his hand a baton. And, then, as the clouds of smoke curl about him, he hears a glorious rendition of "Parsifal," and the great principals, the choristers, the musicians, the vast audience, Cosima-all gaze enraptured at the wonderful conductor. He has come at last-the heaven-sent director for whom Cosima has prayed—at last, at last. * * *
And suddenly he starts—his pipe is out.—St. Louis Mir-

SOUND EXPERIMENTS IN A BALLOON.

THE chief object of Mr. Bacon's balloon ascent, which was made from the grounds of the Artillery Barracks, Woolwich, on Tuesday last, had been suggested by a recent discussion at the Society of Arts. It was the testing of the penetration of certain sound signals as heard from a great distance, and the attempted elucidation of the mystery which enshrouds their behavior under certain circumstances. No conditions more favorable for the observation of sound vagaries can be conceived than are afforded by a balloon flying free in the upper atmosphere.

On this occasion arrangements had been made by which the penetration of sounds of different kinds could be practically put to the test, and by the kind co-operation of the military authorities, Trinity House and the Royal Observatory, skilled observers were on the lookout at ing distances from the centre of operations The halloon was under the charge of Percival Spencer and Mr. Bacon. Unfortunately for the sake of some of the experiments anticipated, a thick haze overspread the sky at a very me erate elevation, and the ballooning party quickly entered the mist, and in five minutes had completely lost sight of the earth. A large portion of East and North London was traversed at a height of from 4,000 to 5,000 feet, but at this elevation nothing was to be seen but dense white cloud piled like the mouth of a huge crater around the balloon

A sharp ear was kept for the sound of the vast city that netrated upward. Trains were heard in practically continuous rumble, punctuated by their shrill whistles. Sirens from the river and various factories rose sharp and clear. Most noticeable were the barkings of high voiced dogs, and the raucous yells of street hawkers could be distinctly heard even at a mile high. The highly instructive fact was noted, however, that, though the city was crossed just at noon, when from the streets the striking of clocks and bells is always such a noticeable feature, yet the most careful listener aloft could detect no sound of this description. The tenor bell at Woolwich Church, which was rung at the time of the ascent, was also wholly inaudible, though a bugle blown from the barrack field was heard a long while after the start. These observations go to prove how inferior are the carrying powers of bells as heard from aloft and to emphasize the fact that sounds of an unmusical, discordant nature have much better chance of making themselves heard at a distance than have more harmonious Two miles high all sounds of earth were lost save the rattle of trains.-From the London Standard.



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Leopold de Grandval.

EOPOLD DE GRANDVAL, an aged organist, died as he played the last note on the organ at the requiem mass in St. Michael's Church, Jersey City, last Thursday, sung over the remains of Mrs. Johanna Haire. After the funeral the sexton, Peter McQuaid, discovered that the lights in the choir loft were still burning, and when he hastened upstairs to turn them out he saw the old man lying on the steps of the organ mount. He was still alive. McQuaid summoned Father Shepherd, rector of the church, and the last sacrament was before the aged musician passed away. De Grandval was nearly eighty-four years old. He was a gentleman of the old school, chivalric, modest and generous. Although a bachelor de Grandval loved children, and he taught many of them during the sixty-odd years that he resided in Hudson County, N. J. The writer of this obituary made de Grandval's acquaintance twenty-five years ago, when he was organist and choirmaster of a Catholic church in He was then a man universally beloved by people of all ages and religious beliefs.

The parents of de Grandval came to this country from France about seventy years ago. His father was a violinist and played in the orchestra at Wallack's old theatre. The deceased organist taught French and music at several Catholic schools. The late Archbishop Corrigan was at one time a pupil, and a lifelong friend. De Grandval also numbered among his close friends other bishops and clergymen in the Roman Catholic Church, as well as many prominent laymen. De Grandval is survived by a nephew, Louis J. Bruck, of Ridgewood, N. J., with whom he rewhom he resided, and a sister living at Mount Savage, Md.

Trabadelo, Paris.

M. DE TRABADELO, the Parisian professor of singing, has just had another brilliant success in a grand soirée musicale given by the Countess Batilde Ducos.

The Paris papers say that once more they admired the splendid tenor voice of Mr. de Trabadelo, his method of singing forte, piano and mezzo voce passages arousing great enthusiasm. A remarkable quality of this artist is his power of sustaining tone for a long period without taking breath, which greatly increases the artistic effect

Mr. de Trabadelo on the occasion referred to was heard in the "Preislied" (Meistersinger), the "Romeo and Ju-liet" cavatina, "Salve dimora" ("Faust") and "La Donna é Mobile" ("Rigoletto").

Victor Benham.

THE recent success in London of Victor Benham, the Prelude No. 17.

Catherine Wright. pianist, is recorded in the following press notices:
Both as a pianist and composer Mr. Benham showed himself to
we remarkable gifts. His technic is admirable, his tone never
ses warmth and he has the great merit of being a player with a
ranality.—Times, May 8.

At his third recital Victor Benham provided no little enjoyment for his patrons. His reading of Beethoven's Sonata, op. 111, was clear and thoughtful, while the executive demands of the music were well satisfied. With the charming Arietta the artist was particularly successful. Mr. Benham atterwards played Schumann's "Carneval" in a bright and unaffected manner. The audience marked their appreciation of his efforts by recalling him thrice to the platform.—Telegraph, May 27.

to play at the Queen's Hall by Robert Newman, with orchestra, at a number of the promenade concerts.—Correspondence to Paris delightful.—Elizabeth Daily Journal. o. May re

Mr. Benham brought forward a theme and some clever variations of his own composition, which he presented with remarkable verve and alertness, earning the warm applause of his audience.—Telegraph, May 7.

His playing is full of individuality.-Standard, May 2.

That Mr. Benham is a gifted musician there can be no do He played with genuine charm and a perception of the music testified to a keen intuitive sense of the composer's desires.—S day Times, May 11.

Erskine Porter in Elizabeth, N. J.

A T a musicale given in the lecture room of the Central Baptist Church by the pupils of Miss May Gessler Daland, Erskine Porter, the boy soprano, was the vocal soloist. Following is the program:

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Following are some press notices: Miss Daland's pupils were assisted by Erskine Porter, who has been heard before by Elizabeth audiences, but never more accept-this touch, technic, tone and power are remarkable, and he plays ably than at this time. He has a very sweet and birdlike voice, with extraordinary charm and individuality. He has been engaged

THE VERSATILE BURKE.

JOSEPH BURKE, who died recently, was in the J early days of his musical career the intimate friend and artistic associate of Richard Hoffman, the eminent pianist of this city. Their friendship continued until Mr. Burke's death.

"I met Joseph Burke first," Mr. Hoffman said, "in 1847, when I come to this country to play for the first time. had then been in this city for only a few years after his

"He was then a remarkably fine violinist. He had been for three years at Brussels, where he studied under De Beriot. That was after he had studied law at Albany and had decided that he would after all have to follow the career of a musician.

"After he gave up the stage, which was in the thirties, he could never bear to refer to the time when he was an actor. As soon as he ceased to be a child and to act as an infant phenomenon, he had a disgust for the theatre.

"I remember how I was once asked to write a sketch of his life and how glad I was when I was relieved of the task, as I could not bear the thought of asking him about the days of his stage life. He never mentioned it even to me, although we were for years intimate friends and indeed lived together until the time of my marriage.

"Burke was the first violinist to play here the Mendels-sohn Concerto. That was at one of the Philharmonic concerts in the old Apollo Hall. He was a soloist at a Philharmonic concert in 1846, when he played the Fifth Concerto of De Beriot, and he played there several times after that."

After he left the stage Mr. Burke went to live on the

farm at Batavia that he bought with what remained of the money he had made as an actor. He ceased to be the same attraction on the stage after he grew to be eighteen, and he retired gladly. The elder Burke, who gave up his profession as a doctor to manage his son's affairs, took more

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interest in the boy's stage career, and is said to have spent with great liberality the money that his son earned

Young Burke, who was announced as the "Irish Ros-us," was brought to this country by his father in 1830, and appeared first in New York at the Park Theatre as Young Norval in "Douglas," and later on the same evening acted in "The Irish Tutor" the role of Dr. O'Toole, in which he had made his London début as an actor at the Haymarket Theatre on June 4, 1825. To show his ability as a musican, Master Burke, who was twelve when he came here conducted the orchestra between the two

It was after he had given up acting altogether that he vent to Albany to study law in the office of Governor

'Even when he was in Albany," Mr. Hoffman said, "he founded an orchestra and used to conduct its concerts. The members were, of course, amateurs, but they had the advantage of having Mr. Burke as a conductor. After a while some of his friends thought that he was destined to make a reputation for himself as a musician. and he went to Brussels to study under De Beriot.

"He returned here and his concerts were very successful. I played with him here in 1847, and the following season we made a tour together. The field was small

then, and the pickings were very meagre compared with what they are to-day. One year we went as far West as Chicago, but we never ventured further South than to Washington.

"We went to Chicago altogether by boat, playing on the yay at Detroit, Cleveland, and other places. The trouble I always had was to find a piano and that was sometimes very hard. I never had a grand piano, but had to be satisfied with one of the old-fashioned square ones.

'At that time, 1848-49, there were very few grand pianos in the country, and when I played for the first time in New it was on a grand piano that I had to borrow from a wealthy gentleman for whom it had been made. great celebrities of that time, such as Thalberg and Meyer, brought their instruments with them and carried them about from place to place.

"When Jenny Lind came to this country with P. T. Barnum in 1850 Burke was engaged as the solo violinist of her company and as conductor of the orchestra. I was the pianist of the company. This arrangement was not made until after she had given several concerts.

After she broke her contract with Barnum Mr. Burke became associated with the management of the company, and he remained with her during the two years that she sang here. He must have had a remarkable collection of

letters from her, as I knew that their friendship continued until the time of her death, and during all the years that intervened after their meeting they continued to correspond. He left a beautiful violin that she gave him.

"After the close of Jenny Lind's tour here Mr. Burke continued for a few years to play in concert, but then retired from public playing to devote himself to teaching. Singularly enough, he taught the piano and not the violin.

"He could not bear to hear the efforts of beginners on the instrument he loved so well. He told me once that if it were necessary for him to teach the violin he would not teach at all. He could not stand the sawing of the beginers. He continued to play for his own amusement.
"It was a coincidence that Camilla Urso should have

died in the same week that Mr. Burke did. He had the greatest admiration for her art and regarded her as a remarkably fine and noble violinist. He heard her play when she came here first as a girl, and later when she returned as a mature performer, and always had the greatest admiration for her art."—Sun.

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